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Baseball. Not a homer

▶ Jose Bautista now has 12 games left to hit his 50th home run of the season.

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Things looking up for Blue Jays

Jays slugger Jose Bautista didn't hit his 50th home run last night, but his team did pick up its 76th win of the season with a 5-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners at the Rogers Centre. That surpasses last year's total of 75, with 12 games left to go this season. For more coverage, see page 43.

They're in it to win it ... right?

▶ Lesser-known candidates reveal proposals on their websites ▶ Sample: Larry Perlman, running in Ward 7, wants to give 20% of his salary to a community fund

As the debate from mayoral front-runners dominates coverage, "fresh" ideas from lesser-known candidates don't often make the news.

But there are gems among the platforms. Some are intriguing, others notably bizarre. All are hidden in plain sight on the Internet.

Igor Toutchinski
Ward 10 (York Centre)
If you're tired of the same old election promises, consider the jitney.

"In Israel, this system is very popular," said Toutchinski, who would like fewer red rockets and more share taxis to ease Toronto's congestion woes.

His vision would rely on commuter vans, subcontracted by the TTC, to transport people from the suburbs to the subway. Jitney riders would be charged $4 apiece for a much quicker jaunt than a bus.

Tibor Steinberger
Mayoral candidate
Always dreamed of living on Toronto Island, but weary of the decades-long wait for real estate? You might be interested in Steinberger's proposal: Floating homes.

"We can set up new communities adjacent to Toronto Islands," he writes on his website. "The construction of floating houses can be set up in this city, which would mean new opportunities and more jobs."

Mark Dewdney
Ward 30 (Toronto-Danforth)
He proposes a once-a-year canvas of "every inch" of his ward.

"This will be like a neighbourhood walk on steroids," he jokes. "I would literally want to check any street where there's been even the remotest issue."

He estimates the process would take one or two weeks every fall.

Dewdney won't force Leslieville residents to examine potholes in their pyjamas — unless they're into that sort of thing.

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Get revved up for fall

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Teaching students to cheat?

Ten schools under investigation for helping students with provincial tests

A Durham region elementary school is among 10 Ontario schools under investigation for allegations of cheating on provincial tests.

"A teacher used a copy of last year's assessment to practise with her students" at the Quaker Village Public School in Uxbridge, Andrea Pidwerbecki, communications manager at Durham District School Board, told the Toronto Star yesterday.

"The school is working with EQAO to investigate and to ensure this doesn't happen again," she said.

"It involved human error, no malice" in the Grade 6 reading portion of the EQAO tests.

"Students and parents have been notified and reassured this does not impact on student marks in any way," Pidwerbecki said, adding 42 Grade 6 students were involved.

Results in those 10 investigated classes tested under the Education Quality and Accountability Office standard provincial exams have been withdrawn for the winter 2009-10 round.

But "it's not going to change any outcomes for grades 3, 6 or 9," said Marie Parsons, EQAO chief assessment officer. "It's an unfortunate incident. A piece of the puzzle is missing. But EQAO is only one piece of the picture of how well students are performing."

About 500 students were involved in the investigations.

The school-by-school test results released last week were for grades 3 and 6 (reading, writing and math) and Grade 9 (math) during the last school year.

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Investigated

Education Quality and Accountability Office chief assessment officer Marie Parsons disclosed nine of the 10 investigated schools. The investigation at the 10th is not finished, she said. In addition to Quaker Village, they are:

- St. Peter's Secondary School, in the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic district
- Sanford Avenue Public School, in the Hamilton Wentworth district
- Ontario Street Public School, in the Kawartha Pine Ridge district
- Graham Bell-Victoria Public School and Waterford Public School, in the Grand Erie district
- Notre Dame Catholic Separate School, in the Windsor-Essex Catholic district
- E.C. St. Louis, in the Grandes Rivières Catholic district
- École Élémentaire Bernard-Grandmaître, in Le Centre-Est de l'Ontario Catholic district

Dazzling. Diamond

▶ Duncan Parke, the head of the Canadian Gemological Society, displays a pink diamond up for auction next month.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A sparkling pink auction

The Park Hyatt hotel will host an auction of high-end gems Oct. 3. The highlight will be a 10.11-carat intense pink diamond. The stone is Gemological Institute of America-certified and has an estimated value of $8 million to $12 million.

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Lawyer appeals life sentence

The mastermind of a bomb plot that targeted downtown Toronto should not have been given a life sentence because he was a youthful and remorseful first-time offender, Ontario's top court was told yesterday.

Zakaria Amara, the ringleader of the Toronto 18 terror cell, should have instead received a sentence of between 18 to 20 years, defence lawyer James Lockyer told the Court of Appeal for Ontario. Lockyer argued the sentencing judge allowed the seriousness of the crime to overwhelm his analysis and unfairly discounted mitigating factors such as Amara's guilty plea, his age, his status as a first-time offender and his expressions of remorse.

But Crown prosecutor Nicholas Devlin said a life sentence is reasonable for anyone who plays a significant role in plotting a major terrorist attack. Devlin pointed out Amara, who was sentenced in January, planned to "decimate" the downtown core and said the mere existence of the plot, which was foiled in June 2006, was an "attack against our entire society" because it rattled people's sense of security. He also noted Amara's renunciation of jihad was "very recent."

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Get ready for 'nature's bonus'

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ A cyclist travels on Gould Street yesterday.

'Spectacular' fall colours expected by virtue of the summer we had

After the great summer we've had, get ready for "nature's bonus."

That's how David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada, describes the season when leaves turn fiery red, deep burgundy, orange and burnt sienna.

With the first full day of autumn arriving tomorrow, there is nothing to suggest anything but "a spectacular" viewing season in the coming weeks, Phillips said.

The conditions this summer have laid the groundwork for an ideal season, which should peak in southern Ontario just after Thanksgiving Day (Oct. 11). All summer, we've had lots of sunshine and an ample supply of rain.

"The trees are in great shape and showing no distress," said Phillips. "If there's been drought, leaves will turn brown and fall early. Trees don't even like smog, so this has been a perfect season for them."

"The weather for viewing is almost like the frame for the perfect picture. We're going to see rain this week, but we won't see any remnants of hurricanes or wind storms."
DAVID PHILLIPS, ENVIRONMENT CANADA

The warm temperatures all summer have warmed the Great Lakes, meaning the colour change season will be a little bit delayed this year. Though the long-range forecast suggests we might see a touch of frost, it won't be a killing frost that can lay bare all the glorious colours.

To view a live report on colour changes and to see peak viewing times for various parts of the province, visit parkreports.com/fall.

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Duguid: Nuclear power here to stay

Ontario is asking for the public's input on its long-term energy plan, but environmentalists were dismayed yesterday that the Liberal government remained committed to nuclear power.

The Ministry of Energy has posted a 10-question survey online to gather feedback on a 20-year supply plan. It asks, for example, how much wind and solar power should be in the electricity mix and what type of generation should replace coal when it's phased out in 2014.

"I don't envision a scenario where we're going to reduce our nuclear baseload," said Energy Minister Brad Duguid. "We see it as being a reliable and economical source of power for us."

50 percentage of Ontario's electricity that Energy Minister Brad Duguid wants to keep supplying through nuclear power.

Greenpeace Canada complained Duguid was plowing ahead with plans to build two new nuclear reactors and refurbish others even though estimated costs have shot through the roof.

"Despite the fact the cost of their nuclear plan has more than doubled in three years, the minister is saying they're still going to barrel ahead with that," said Greenpeace spokesman Shawn-Patrick Stensil. "I wonder if this is just a way to provide an air of consultation and they've already made a decision on the directive." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Paying for parking, even if they don't drive

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▶ Mike McCormack

The Toronto Police Association says all 8,300 officers on the Toronto force will end up paying to park at work — even if they don't drive.

Association president Mike McCormack said Canada Revenue Agency has decided that having the option to park at police stations is a taxable benefit.

McCormack said the taxman is looking for three years of back taxes and that could amount to "thousands of dollars" for each officer.

He said the parking at police facilities is available for a number of reasons, including security. And he said because policing is a 24-7 operation, public transportation simply isn't available for many officers.

Firefighters and teachers are exempt from the taxable benefit, McCormack said.

McCormack said Canada Revenue Agency hasn't put a value on parking yet, but said the taxes will have to be paid before the association can appeal the ruling.

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Murder plot just a 'bizarre' fantasy: Lawyer

- 'Hit man' testified he didn't intend to follow through
- Accused's lawyer prods at inconsistent testimony

An alleged plot in which a wealthy businessman and a dominatrix hire a hit man to kill his wife was really just a "drug-fuelled, bizarre role-playing" game, it was suggested at the murder conspiracy trial yesterday.

Alex Petraitis, 68, and dominatrix Sandra Lynn Rinella, 47, have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and counselling murder.

Kerry Anderson, the supposed would-be hit man and Rinella's biker ex-boyfriend, has told the court the two accused involved him in a plan between August 2003 and January 2004 to kill Petraitis' wife.

Anderson told the court yesterday he wasn't sure if the pair was serious or if he was unwittingly playing a role in a sexual fantasy.

"I believe what I said is, 'I don't know for sure if they really wanted her killed ... (or) whether I was a part of their role-playing game,'" Anderson said when confronted with some apparent inconsistencies with his preliminary inquiry testimony.

Anderson — a Crown witness — said several times on the stand that he didn't remember statements he made at the 2005 preliminary inquiry that, in his opinion, Petraitis and Rinella didn't actually want him to go through with the murder.

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▶ Sandra Lynn Rinella

Anderson had secretly recorded some of their meetings, including one at Rinella's apartment in which Petraitis, the former chairman of magazine wholesaler Metro News, was wearing what looked like a diaper or sumo wrestler garb, Anderson testified.

That conversation went on after the recording stopped, and Rinella's lawyer, Joseph Neuberger, suggested that during a part of the conversation that wasn't recorded she told Anderson they didn't want him to carry out the murder.

Anderson disagreed, but Neuberger pressed him on the idea the alleged conspiracy to murder Petraitis' wife of 40 years was really part of a sexual fantasy.

"(It) was a drug-fuelled, bizarre, role-playing scenario, wasn't it?" Neuberger asked.

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Crown witness Kerry Anderson told court Monday that he was planning either to use tapes of recorded meetings with the two accused, Alex Petraitis and Sandra Lynn Rinella, to extort Petraitis for $1 million and a Hummer or to send the tapes to Petraitis' wife.

Throughout his testimony Anderson suggested he may have been confused at the time as to whether Petraitis and Rinella were serious or not, but that is not how he feels now.

Court heard Rinella had a "raging" cocaine addiction and Anderson — her supplier — used the drug, too.

Rinella dabbed at her eyes with Kleenex and appeared to cry as Anderson testified about her use of a crystal ball and her erratic behaviour at the time, which he attributed to the cocaine abuse.

The jury has heard Petraitis wanted his wife killed at the couple's cottage near Buckhorn, Ont., before Christmas. On the surreptitiously recorded tapes, Petraitis can be heard telling Anderson to make it look like a kidnapping.

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Mississauga. Inquiry

▶ Hazel McCallion makes her mayor's address yesterday at the Mississauga Board of Trade.

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Mayor Hazel stands her ground

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion yesterday denied asking a confidant and close friend who sat on the board of a pension fund involved in a dispute with her son's company to get involved in resolving the issue. Yesterday was McCallion's second day of testifying at a judicial inquiry, which is examining her involvement in a $14.4-million failed land deal between World Class Developments (partly owned by her son Peter McCallion) and the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System as a possible conflict of interest.

Portland lauds T.O.

Portland's plan

- **Streetcar ridership** in Portland has increased to 3.9 million rides last year from 1.4 million rides in 2002, and the system is continually expanding, Mayor Sam Adams said.
- **Bike paths** The city also has about 483 kilometres of bike infrastructure and the highest rate of cycling in the United States.
- **Big plans** Portland wants, by 2030, to double the number of transit and bike commuters and halve the 66 per cent who drive.

Toronto is on the right track with streetcars, according to the mayor of one of North America's most sustainable cities.

Sam Adams, mayor of Portland, Ore., praised Toronto for having the foresight to preserve its downtown streetcar tracks in the 1970s when other cities, including his own, were scrapping their trolleys.

"I'm jealous," Adams said after a breakfast speech at the Toronto Board of Trade yesterday, though he acknowledged Toronto's aging system needs upgrading.

Like Toronto, Portland has downtown streetcars running in mixed traffic. It also has a regional light rail system that travels to the suburbs with fewer stops.

"We embrace streetcars. We believe they are an important part of our successful future," said Adams. "There is no other investment we have made that gets the private-sector return." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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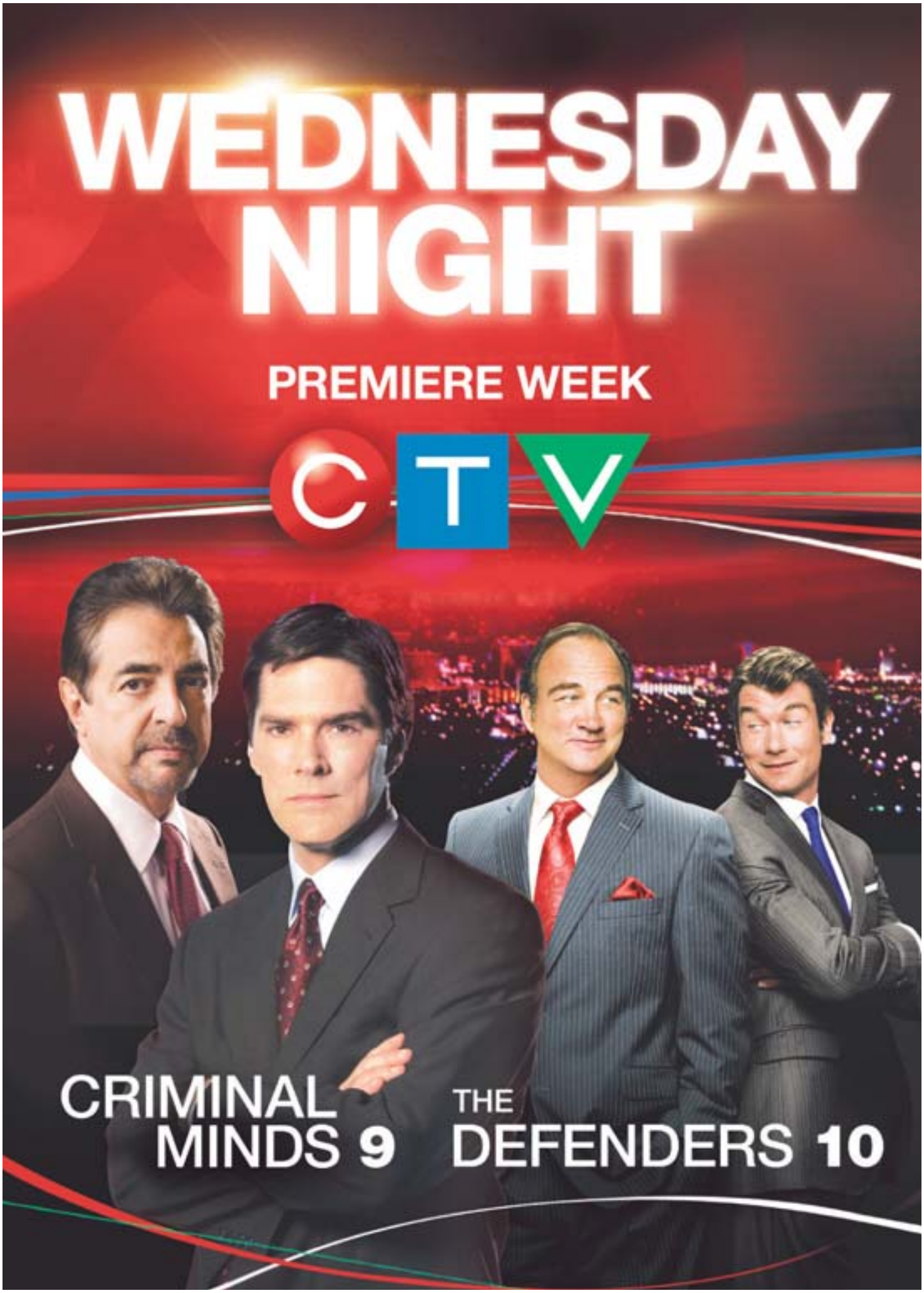
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Inside Ford's budget claims

Claim: Rob Ford said he has saved taxpayers $1.5 million since he became a Toronto councillor 10 years ago by eschewing his annual office budget and sparingly using his staff budget.
Background: "I've saved the taxpayers alone, just without spending my $53,000 tax-free expense account, $1 million," Ford said during a Sept. 7 mayoral debate on TVO. "I only spent $100,000 out of a $210,000 staff budget."

"When you do the math, alone, just myself, I've saved the taxpayers $1.5 million in 10 years."
Smell test: By rarely touching his office budget and paying for some things out of his own pocket, he has not spent about $530,000 since elected — only half of what he claimed in the debate to have saved. (It should be noted that many other councillors also spend much less than the $53,500 they're allotted.)

His purported savings with the staff budget also need clarification. Ford runs a leaner office than many councillors, relying on fewer staff for day-to-day operations. While, on average, he only spends $100,000 to $110,000 a year, the salary budget for most of his term has been much less than this year's $207,584.

For example, in 2001, Ford spent about $99,000. However, the budget was about $166,000, which means he "saved taxpayers" about $67,000. All said and done, Ford has left about $1.3 million in salary and office expenses untouched.
Verdict: Fresh.
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The amount of charges Rob Ford expensed to the city in 2005.

▶ Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti is swarmed by reporters after filing his papers to run for mayor of Toronto in this file photo.

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‘Arch-enemy’ to join Ford’s camp?

Mayoral race dropout Giorgio Mammoliti expected to throw support behind former rival Ford once famously called councillor a ‘Gino boy’

Rob Ford is picking up allies on city council.

In a surprise addition to councillors Mike Del Grande and Frances Nunziata, Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti is poised to come out in support of Ford today.

Del Grande said he expects others will join the Ford juggernaut.

“I know that there’s going to be a number of people over a number of days who are going to come out for Rob,” Del Grande said. “That I heard. I can’t confirm names.”

Doug Holyday, a tight-fisted councillor for Etobicoke, said he is being courted by Rob’s brother Doug, who is running for council in his brother’s old seat.

“I certainly feel that there’s a culture and spending patterns downtown that should have been addressed years ago.”
COUN. MIKE DEL GRANDE

Holyday is keeping his options open but expressed surprise at Mammoliti going to Ford since the two have been enemies. At one point, Ford called Mammoliti a “Gino boy.”

“I mean, he’s been Ford’s bitter arch-enemy all these years and now all of a sudden he’s willing to make a deal to get who knows what out of it?” Holyday said.

Other councillors will be upset if Ford starts promising plum posts in the new administration in return for their endorsement now, he said. “Rob can’t help it if Mammoliti comes out and endorses him but he’d certainly be making his first big mistake if he was to give Giorgio something for doing it.”

Holyday added that he heard Nunziata had requested to be named speaker of council and preside over council meetings.

“That again is ridiculous. People either support him or don’t support him. They shouldn’t be doing it just to make deals for themselves because there’ll be a large amount of alienated councillors if Ford’s giving away all the positions here.”

Del Grande, an accountant, said he wasn’t offered anything and didn’t ask for anything in return for his support. “There are no deals, no anything. He said he needed help, wants to surround himself with good people to deliver on his platform. I said I agreed with most of it. I agree with a lot of his financial positions.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Thomson vows to cut spending carefully

Sarah Thomson says she will protect the city’s economy at city hall, promising to invest in Toronto while cutting costs, unlike front-runner Rob Ford.

“I will use a scalpel instead of a meat cleaver,” Thomson said during an online live chat on thestar.com yesterday. “Mr. Ford’s slash-and-burn tactics are not well thought out and could destroy our economy.”

Thomson has promised to introduce rush-hour tolls on the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway to pay for subway expansion, starting with a downtown relief line.
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▶ Sarah Thomson

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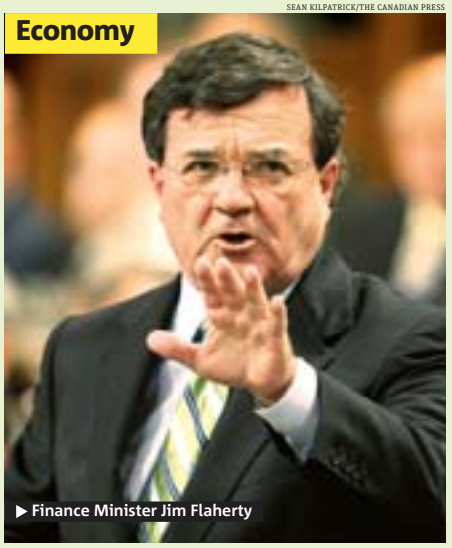

▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

ELECTION WOULD HURT RECOVERY, FLAHERTY SAYS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is warning against a snap fall election, saying Canada's economic recovery is at risk.

But in a campaign-style speech to the Canadian Club in Ottawa, the finance minister has accused the Liberal-led opposition of favouring a tax-and-spend approach to the economy.

If the Liberal agenda were followed through, the country could lose 400,000 jobs, Flaherty says in notes for the speech that were made available to reporters.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has called for a setting aside of scheduled future tax cuts for business so the money can be used to support Canada's social programs.

Meanwhile, Flaherty also accused Ignatieff of wanting to bring in a wide range of tax increases, including a carbon tax the Liberals have formally discarded.

The finance minister's highly partisan speech reinforced expectations that the next election, when it comes, will be fought over the issue of who is best at managing Canada's still fragile economic recovery.

Michael Ignatieff

The Liberals have argued the Harper government was late in reacting to the recession, saying it was only pushed to act when the opposition parties threatened to bring down the government.

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Tory plan raises rights questions

New 'mass arrival' designation for some asylum seekers draws ire of rights groups Migrants could be detained for two weeks, up from 48 hours

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▶ Stephen Harper's government has drafted legislation in response to the arrival of nearly 500 Tamil migrants last month. The plan is not being well-received by all.

Refugee experts say the federal government's draft plan to crack down on human smuggling probably won't do much to discourage ships full of migrants, and may also run afoul of the Constitution.

"There are very serious concerns about restricting people's right to liberty," said Gloria Nafziger, refugee co-ordinator for Amnesty International in Canada.

"Any time the right to one's liberty is being restricted, you have to challenge and ask if that is absolutely necessary."

The federal Tories are assembling a legislative package that would, among other things, create a new class of asylum seeker called "mass arrival," say documents obtained by The Canadian Press this week.

Under the draft new rules, if the government designates a group of migrants as being part of a "mass arrival," it would be able to detain them longer, the documents say.

"If we're concerned about smuggling, these measures do nothing; these measures amount to window dressing."
SHARRYN AIKEN, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR

Migrants who arrive in Canada in large numbers could be detained up to two weeks, instead of the current 48 hours, before their first hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board.

Subsequent detention reviews would be held at the expiry of a 60-day period — a doubling of the current 30-day requirement.

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500 Tamils

Ever since the arrival of almost 500 Tamil migrants off Vancouver last month, federal cabinet ministers have spoken frequently about the need to make life difficult for the human smugglers who profit handsomely from such dangerous operations.

Al-Qaida takes credit for abduction

Al-Qaida's North Africa branch claimed responsibility in an audio message broadcast yesterday for kidnapping five French nationals that disappeared in the deserts of Niger last week.

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▶ Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks yesterday at a summit on the Millennium Development Goals at United Nations headquarters.

Iran's president blames poverty on capitalism

Visions clash at UN anti-poverty summit Stark differences on how to ease misery of world's poor

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared yesterday that capitalism faces inevitable defeat and called for the overhaul of "undemocratic and unjust" global decision-making bodies.

In a speech on the second day of a UN anti-poverty summit, the Iranian leader blamed capitalism and transnational corporations for "the suffering of countless women, men and children in so many countries."

Ahmadinejad's speech to the 192-member General Assembly never mentioned the Millennium Development Goals — the UN targets set by world leaders in 2000 to combat global poverty by 2015 — that are the focus of the three-day summit called by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to spur their implementation.

The UN chief has expressed satisfaction that the world is technically on track to cut extreme poverty by half, the No. 1 goal, though some critics say it's mainly because of the tremendous improvements in China and India.

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Harper speaks

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged world leaders yesterday to set aside their anti-poverty rhetoric and focus on getting concrete results as he confirmed Canada's plan to boost the coffers of an international fund battling disease in the developing world.
- The goal, he said, is to "mobilize" more than $10 billion over five years, and to pay close attention to the impact the money makes.

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Clinton urges leaders to prepare for disaster

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton yesterday warned of the growing devastation of the global economic downturn and said the dangers posed by natural disasters around the world had been increased by the effects of climate change.

He spoke in New York on the first day of the annual Clinton Global Initiative. The conference brings together leaders from government, business and philanthropy, who make financial commitments aimed at tackling poverty and disease around the world.

Clinton announced new financial commitments to help Haiti recover from the effects of a massive earthquake last January, and to Pakistan, where monsoon rains led to deadly flooding last summer.

He also announced a new program to help Louisiana's gulf coast, which is still recovering from the massive oil spill and the effects of hurricane Katrina five years ago.

Clinton said climate change had made events like hurricanes and flooding more frequent and deadly.

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▶ Bill Clinton

Girl power

The conference stressed a need to educate and empower women and girls in developing countries.

- **New program.** U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a new program to place cleaner stoves in 100 million homes by 2020.
- **Clean stoves.** The program primarily targets women and girls, who do most of the world's cooking.
- **Toxic chemicals.** As many as three billion people cooking meals every day are exposed to toxic chemicals and smoke using unsafe stoves, which leads to respiratory illnesses.
- **Contribution.** The U.S. government will contribute $50 million to help launch the program.

Oldest man celebrates birthday

A Montana resident believed to be the world's oldest man celebrated his 114th birthday yesterday at a retirement home in Great Falls.

Walter Breuning was born Sept. 21, 1896, in Melrose, Minn., and moved to Montana in 1918, where he worked as a clerk for the Great Northern Railway for 50 years.

His wife, Agnes, a railroad telegraph operator from Butte, died in 1957. The couple had no children.

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Ex-CFLer faces jail term in U.S.

The Canadian Press has learned former CFL quarterback Cody Ledbetter has been deported to the United States, where he faces a jail term in Texas.

Ledbetter, 37, was bound for Johnson County, Texas, where he was at the top of the sheriff's most-wanted list after fleeing to Canada last year.

In 2005, Ledbetter pleaded guilty to two counts of having sex with a 16-year-old girl from a high school in Alvarado, Texas, and was given 10 years probation.

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Helicopter crash kills 9 troops

A NATO helicopter crashed yesterday in southern Afghanistan, killing nine international troops in a region where forces are ramping up pressure on Taliban insurgents. It was the deadliest chopper crash for the coalition in four years.

A "large number" of Americans were among those who died, according to a senior military official in Washington. He said it remained unclear whether troops of other nationalities were among the fatalities.

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Shows boast 'crazy' footage

Both O'Reilly, Maher seek to book O'Donnell on their shows after politician becomes national figure

Old television appearances are coming back to haunt tea party-backed U.S. Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell.

A few days after HBO's Bill Maher played a tape from 1999 in which the conservative Christian activist said she dabbled in witchcraft while in high school, Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly said he had tapes of "crazy stuff" that O'Donnell, the Republican candidate for Senate in Delaware, said.

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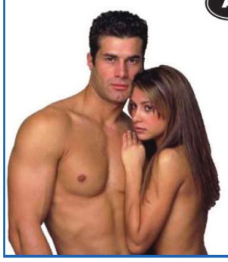

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Few apply for BP's worker fund

There have been far fewer applicants than expected for money from a $100-million fund BP PLC set up to help deepwater rig workers after a federal moratorium on drilling prompted by the massive oil spill. The charity said it turns out that many rig workers are being kept on the job, despite the moratorium. Grants were expected to be limited to those who worked on the 33 rigs affected by the moratorium.

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With nine days left to apply, a spokesman for the charity running the program told The Associated Press yesterday that only 356 people have come forward. Up to 9,000 people had been expected to seek grants.

▶ Vendor Taho Kakutania, left, playfully encourages tourist Anne Moral, of Tucson, Ariz., to kiss a coho salmon at the Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle.

ADVOCATES APPEAL TO U.S. FDA ON SALMON

Consumer advocates urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday to ensure that salmon engineered to grow twice as fast as the conventional variety are labelled in the grocery store as genetically modified.

The FDA is holding a hearing to hear opinions about whether, if the FDA should approve sale of the fish, the salmon should be labelled. According to FDA rules, the fish would not be labelled as genetically modified if the agency should decide it has the same material makeup as conventional salmon.

The agency already has said it believes the two fish are the same, but is holding the hearing to hear thoughts from both critics and supporters before the agency makes a decision whether to allow the fish to be sold.

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Cuba. Chats

▶ Cuba's former president Fidel Castro attends a meeting with members of the Peace Boat organization in Havana, Cuba, yesterday.

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Bonds of friendship

Peace Boat, a Japan-based non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, and equal and sustainable development, arrived in Cuba during the International Peace Day, on a trip aimed at strengthening bonds of friendship and at getting acquainted with Cuba's reality first hand.

Disability fund under review

Past beneficiaries include dog trainers, a canoe club, churches, libraries and a number of municipalities

The federal government is questioning the need for a multimillion-dollar fund that makes buildings more accessible to people with disabilities.

The department that manages the Enabling Accessibility Fund has launched a review to determine "the relevance (need) of the program" just months after it was renewed for three years.

The Conservatives launched the three-year, $45-million accessibility fund in 2007. The latest Tory budget topped up the program with another $45 million over three more years.

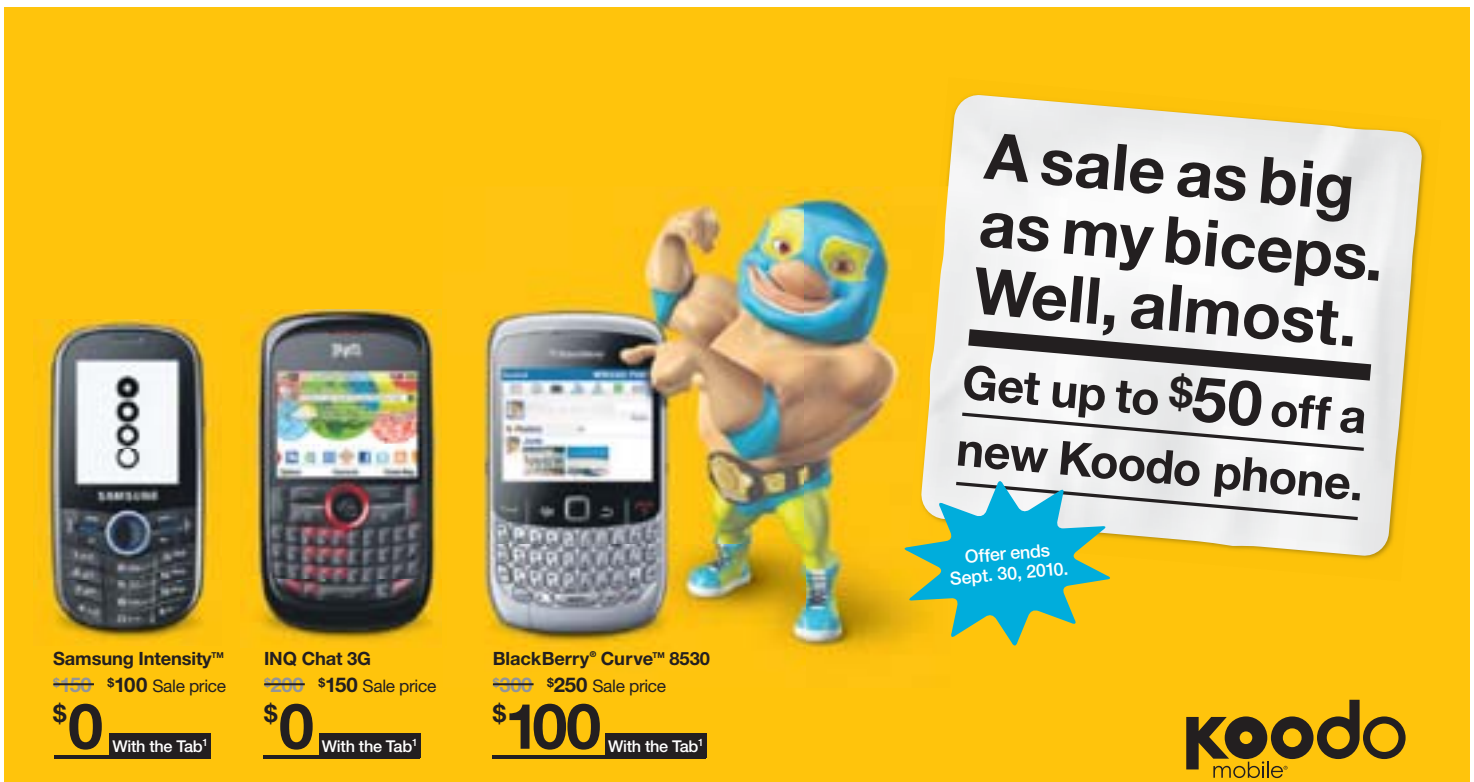
The first phase of the program helped pay for hundreds of accessibility projects. The Human Resources and Skills Development Department received 2,013 applications and funded 323 projects during the first three years of the program.

Through the fund, major projects can apply for up to $15 million, mid-size projects can get up to $3 million and small projects are eligible for up to $100,000. Department officials are now reviewing applications for the second phase of the program.

But Human Resources and Skills Development is questioning the program's merits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Israelis bracing for protests

New Palestinian violence could erupt if peace talks collapse after this weekend's expiration of an Israeli settlement slowdown, the Israeli military chief warned yesterday. With the Palestinians threatening to walk out on talks if the slowdown isn't extended, Lt.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi told lawmakers the military was bracing for possible mass protests and clashes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Appeal coming over Edmonton zoo elephant

Groups and celebrities want to move 34-year-old Lucy to U.S. sanctuary Cite health and loneliness as issues

A legal fight over the future of the Edmonton Valley Zoo's only elephant isn't over yet.

Last month, a judge dismissed arguments from two animal rights groups that say Lucy is suffering at the zoo and should be moved to an elephant sanctuary in the United States.

But Zoocheck and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have announced they will appeal the ruling. Their fight to move Lucy is backed by celebrities such as Bob Barker, animal activist and

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▶ Bob Barker

former host of the game show The Price Is Right, and actor William Shatner.

Julie Woodyer with Zoocheck says Lucy's loneliness and health issues can't be ignored.

The city says the 34-year-old elephant is comfortable in her familiar surroundings and moving her at her age could do more harm than good.

No date for the appeal has been set.

"We're not going to step away and ignore Lucy's suffering," said Woodyer. "We're going to keep going until either she's moved or — at worst-case scenario — she dies at the zoo."

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Alberta. Snow

▶ A student walks to school yesterday past snow-covered trees in Cremona, Alta.

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That's Canada for you

Parts of Alberta awoke to a heavy blanket of snow on the final day of summer yesterday, after a relatively cool, wet season.

CEO says deal will save Global

Executives with Shaw Communications say approval of its $2-billion acquisition of Canwest Global's broadcasting assets is of "critical importance." CEO Jim Shaw told a regulatory hearing that one of the benefits is the continued survival of the Global TV Network.

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Mother of baby fooled airline

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NWT landlord held liable

Two gay men refused rental accommodation because the landlord feared God's wrath have won their complaint at the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission. The landlord was ordered to pay Scott Robertson and Richard Anthony $6,500 each in damages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ONTARIO OKTOBERFEST

Lovers of schnitzel and pretzels rejoice

Organizers of Oktoberfest in Kitchener-Waterloo are ready to raise a pint now that the festival's finances are back on track.

The event — billed as Canada's greatest Bavarian festival — had a $1.7-million budget last year, but ended up with a deficit of $90,000.

Oktoberfest president Paul Buttinger blames the shaky economy and the festival starting in heavy rain for dampening enthusiasm last year.

This year, the festival worked closely with the government to obtain grant money, new sponsors came forward and the organization cut costs.

Buttinger said that ticket sales are well ahead of previous years for Oktoberfest 2010, which runs from Oct. 8-16.

He said ticket presales are strong for the festival's "Rocks the Tent" concert with Our Lady Peace Oct. 2.

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Ladies first in Swiss political ranks

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▶ Swiss Social Democrat lawmaker Simonetta Sommaruga talks to a colleague Monday during a session.

Universal suffrage for women gained in 1971 in Switzerland

Women were poised yesterday to claim a majority of seats in Switzerland's cabinet, less than four decades after the country became one of Europe's last to grant women the right to vote in national elections.

A 4-3 split in favour of women — an outcome predicted by many observers and favoured in opinion polls — would make Switzerland only the fifth country in the world to have a female majority in government, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

"I think it's wonderful," said Anders B. Johnsson, secretary general of Geneva-based IPU, which compiles an annual list of female participation in politics around the world.

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CHILI - the red hot way of losing weight!

Eating chili can make you lose weight by speeding up your metabolism and burning fat, scientists have found. Researchers show that heat generated by the spicy food oxidizes layers of fat as well as increases metabolism.

Now those with sensitive taste buds can also benefit from peppers without having to endure the stinging aftertaste. An equivalent of the main chili ingredient, capsaicin, has been found in a non-spicy variety. This means that we can gain the fat burning effect of chili without the risk of stinging our taste buds or stomachs. This non-spicy version of chili is now found in supplement form.

Clinically proven to burn fat!

Researchers at the University of California studied the effects of chili on the diet after becoming intrigued at the manner in which the spicy fruit makes those who eat them sweat. They fed 34 men and women a low-calorie diet, supplemented with either non-hot version of pepper or placebo pills.

They found that levels of energy expended by those given the highest amounts of capsaicin were almost double those of the subjects who had been given the placebo.

Green tea and chili - The strongest combination for fat burning

The current best selling natural ingredient for fat loss is green tea. Now studies show that chili and green tea together complement each other and burn more fat than either one alone. Scandinavian manufacturer New Nordic has recently launched their natural product Chili Burn in Canada. The product is based on this research and further adds ginger and dill in the composition.

Chili Burn, which is now the no.1 fat burning supplement in Scandinavia, is available in Canada at Shoppers Drug Mart, Loblaws/Superstores/Extra Foods, GNC, and other participating health food stores and pharmacies.
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▶ Storm drains were unable to cope as heavy rains from hurricane Igor hit St. John's. Hurricane Igor caused widespread damage across an eastern swath of Newfoundland yesterday as heavy rains flooded communities, washed out roads and stranded some residents.

Newfoundland feels Igor's wrath

RCMP reports roads throughout the Burin Peninsula have been washed out or submerged

Hurricane Igor ripped across eastern Newfoundland yesterday with a savagery that forced flooded, wind-battered towns to declare states of emergency, isolating some communities as rivers overflowed and roads washed away.

Police were investigating reports that an 80-year-old man was swept out to sea when the road beneath him collapsed in the Random Island area, about 100 kilometres northwest of St. John's.

The RCMP said only local residents were able to search the area because of impassable roads. Officers and the coast guard weren't able to access the island because air and sea travel were also impossible due to the fierce storm.

"It appears we have a very serious situation on our hands," Premier Danny Williams said.

Williams said he was monitoring the storm's damage closely and would visit some of the affected communities.

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Native leaders push MPs on education issue

- Lobbying effort part of week-long advocacy program
- Say government underfunds First Nation schools

Native leaders are urging MPs to back efforts to improve aboriginal education programs.

They say native schools are shortchanged by the federal government, with per-capita spending well below provincial levels.

The gap between what Ottawa spends and what is needed runs into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, says better education is a priority.

He said he wants to see a first ministers meeting that would concentrate on improving education for native children.

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▶ Shawn Atleo

The aboriginal population is growing faster than any other segment of the population, he said, and these children deserve an education.

"Every First Nation child must have a guarantee to quality education," he said.

"This means support for First Nations education through fair and equitable funding and First Nations control of First Nations education."

Atleo said this is the key to the future.

"It is central to our drive to take greater control over our lives and communities and will make a stronger Canada for all Canadians.

"What we're asking for is a funding guarantee for our kids."

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▶ Police officers detain Russian gay rights activist Nikolai Alexeyev during a rally yesterday near city hall in Moscow.

Russians show pride

Gay rights activists protest Moscow mayor's homophobic slur, court decision defending it ◐ Police cite lack of permit in breaking up rally

Police dispersed a gay rally in Moscow yesterday and detained at least a dozen protesters in the Russian capital.

The two dozen demonstrators had been protesting the policies of Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, who has called homosexuals "satanic" and thwarted attempts to hold a gay pride rally in the city.

The activists handcuffed themselves to a monument for the 13th-century Russian prince who founded Moscow, displayed a papier-mâché mummy resembling Luzhkov and unfurled posters ridiculing the mayor and his billionaire wife, Yelena Baturina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gays still banned from U.S. military

$726B The bill would have authorized $726 billion in defence spending, including a pay raise for troops.

Senate Republicans yesterday blocked legislation that would have repealed the law banning gays from serving openly in the U.S. military.

The partisan vote was a defeat for Senate Democrats and gay rights advocates, who saw the bill as their last chance before November's elections to overturn the law known as "don't ask, don't tell."

With the 56-43 vote, Democrats fell short of the 60 votes needed in the 100-member chamber to advance the legislation.

Senate Democrats attached the repeal provision to the defence bill in the hopes Republicans would hesitate to vote against legislation that included popular defence programs. But Republican legislators opposed the bill anyway, thwarting a key part of the Democrats' legislative agenda.

Now, gay rights advocates say they worry they have lost a crucial opportunity to change the law. If Democrats lose seats in the upcoming elections, repealing the ban could prove even more difficult next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA. Prelaunch

▶ Space shuttle Discovery sits on launch pad 39 A at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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Shuttle prepares for swan song

Space shuttle Discovery is scheduled to have its last launch Nov. 1 as the program winds down.

Spy book tracks real Bonds

Britain's intelligence service lifts the lid with an official history

It's James Bond, with bureaucracy and cramped office space.

The first-ever official history of MI6 reveals that Britain's foreign spy agency debated assassinating Nazi leaders, landed a spy wearing a wetsuit over his tux at a casino by the sea and experimented with exploding filing cabinets — but also wrangled with other government departments and had to make do on a shoestring budget.

The book, published yesterday, tells a story of plots, paperwork, duplicity and derring-do that takes in fears of a Nazi anthrax attack, cross-dressing secret agents and worries about the safety of the prime minister's milk supply. The book tells the story of an agency founded in 1909 with a staff of one.

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"The real James Bonds are more interesting than the fictional James Bond. They are male and female. They are real people. They have real frailties and real courage."

AUTHOR KEITH JEFFERY, A HISTORIAN AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

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▶ Prof. Keith Jeffery

Iraq. Healing

▶ In this September photo, Zainab Khadim, 21, returns the ball during a training session at al-Sha'ab stadium in Baghdad, Iraq.

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Sports to fight scars

Khadim is among a growing number of young Iraqis who have turned to competitive sports to learn to live with the physical scars and emotional trauma of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and sectarian bloodshed it unleashed.

Second infant assault trial on the way

8 Wadforth appeared in a Picton court Monday and the new trial date of Nov. 8 was set for Picton Superior Court.

The second trial for a Picton man charged with aggravated assault on an infant will be held this fall.

Darren Wadforth, 26, was found guilty in June 2007 of aggravated assault following a four-day trial.

The incidents involved a baby girl at a Picton home during the first four weeks of the child's life in 2005.

Wadforth received an 18-month conditional sentence, but Crown prosecutors argued that was inadequate and they appealed.

However, Wadforth launched his own appeal of the conviction, and it was overturned last year by the Ontario Court of Appeal and a new trial was ordered.

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Bell pledges funding for mental health

Donates $50 million 500,000 Canadians miss work every day due to some form of mental health issue

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▶ Bell president and CEO George Cope poses with Olympian Clara Hughes yesterday prior to a funding announcement in Ottawa.

Bell is donating $50 million over five years to support mental-health programs in Canada. Bell president George Cope says mental illness "causes immense personal suffering and takes a heavy toll" on the economy.

Cope said mental illness affects society more than any other major disease, yet it receives less funding.

He said public understanding of the disease remains low and mental health support needs to accelerate. Bell is pledging to work to reduce the stigma still associated with mental illness as well as to support new research and improved access to care. At least one in five Canadians suffers some form of mental illness at some point in their lives and Cope said virtually everyone has a relative, a friend or a colleague who will experience mental illness.

"Too few people suffering from mental illness get the help they need, reflecting a clear reluctance to recognize and talk about the issue on the part of too many," said Cope.

"That stigma is a barrier to treatment."

Bell also announced a $1-million gift to the Royal Ottawa Hospital, a top treatment and research facility specializing in mental-health care.

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National problem

1. Mental illness represents 15 per cent of Canada's health-care burden, but receives only five per cent of funding.
2. Just one-third of Canadians who need mental-health services actually receive them.
3. Mental illness costs the Canadian economy $51 billion per year in lost productivity.

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Laundering probe's focus on Vatican

Bank neglected to tell officials where funds had come from: Reports

Italian authorities seized $30.18 million US from a Vatican bank account yesterday and said they have begun investigating top officials of the Vatican bank in connection with a money laundering probe.

The Vatican said it was "perplexed and surprised" by the investigation.

Italian financial police seized the money as a precaution and prosecutors placed the Vatican bank's director general and its chairman under investigation for alleged mistakes linked to violations of Italy's anti-laundering laws, news reports said.

The Vatican expressed full trust in the chairman of the bank, Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, and his director general, and said it had been working for some time to make its finances more transparent to comply with anti-terrorism and anti-money-laundering rules. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Past scandal

The probe is not the first time the bank — formally known as the Institute for Works of Religion — has faced trouble.

In the 1980s, it was involved in a major scandal that resulted in a banker, dubbed "God's Banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican, being found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London.

Germany. Toys

▶ Karolin Koehler prepares a wooden Leonardo da Vinci airscrew for the media yesterday at a model-building fair in Leipzig, Germany.

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Up, up and away

The wooden Leonardo da Vinci kits will be presented for the first time ever during the fair. Known as the helical airscrew, the device was designed to compress air to obtain flight similar to today's helicopters.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

MySpace could lose users in redesign

$174M
The segment responsible for MySpace lost $174 million US, mostly due to lower search and advertising revenue in the last quarter.

The MySpace redesign set to launch in mid-October may be so jarring that the social networking site could lose members at first.

That's according to Jon Miller, the chief digital officer of MySpace parent company News Corp.

Miller says the overhaul marks a "full swing of the bat."

He was speaking yesterday at a conference hosted by entertainment and media news website TheWrap.

He said, "I can't see how it doesn't shed some people initially."

News Corp. has been struggling to turn around the site, which has lost ground to Facebook and Twitter.

MySpace already revamped its home page in August to lay groundwork for the fall overhaul.

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EU plans to prevent gas shortages

The European Union parliament approved a plan yesterday to improve cooperation among its members so nations that face gas shortages won't have to worry about freezing homes during the winter.

EU officials complained that Europeans were being held hostage in a payment dispute between Russia and Ukraine. The rules will assure gas can flow in any direction as needs arise.

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Porter Airlines says traffic is soaring

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Porter president and CEO Robert Deluce says increases in 2010 are reflective of the 20-aircraft fleet that has been deployed since this spring.

Traffic more than doubled last month compared to August 2009

Porter Airlines released monthly traffic statistics for the first time yesterday, in a move toward greater transparency that comes as it contemplates an initial public offering.

Porter Aviation Holdings Inc. announced it would make an IPO in April, but decided to suspended it in June due to poor stock market conditions, which deteriorated as Porter worked through the details.

Porter has indicated it is waiting for equity markets to stabilize before deciding to proceed with any share offering.

In the meantime, the privately-held airline has decided to release more information to the public.

The Toronto-based airline said its passenger traffic last month more than doubled to 63.7 million revenue passenger miles, up from 31 million in August 2009.

Capacity as measured by available seat miles was up 69 per cent, rising to 99.7 million from 59.1 million.

"Beginning a standard disclosure process summarizing our monthly traffic will help inform the market about Porter's competitive positioning,"
ROBERT DELUCE, PORTER PRESIDENT AND CEO

And Porter's load factor, which measures how much of its fleet capacity is used, improved to 63.9 per cent from 52.5 per cent – still far below that of Air Canada and WestJet.

The global airline industry has rebounded and is expected to return to profitability this year after turning in its first losing performance in five years in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter site hacked

Mysterious tweets of blocked-out text propagated themselves and caused popup windows to open yesterday on Twitter.

The popups could contain malicious code that could take over poorly protected computers. The hack was thwarted by 10 a.m. ET. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans coming north more

0.3%
Travel by Canadians to overseas destinations increased 0.3 per cent to 732,000 trips in July.

Travel by U.S. residents to Canada reached 1.7 million trips in July, up 2.3 per cent from the previous month.

Statistics Canada reports residents of the United States made one million overnight trips to Canada in July, 2.9 per cent more than in June.

Americans also made 615,000 same-day car trips to Canada, up 1.2 per cent.

Travel by residents of overseas countries dropped 1.3 per cent to 369,000 trips in July as seven of the top 12 countries posted declines.

Overall, travel to Canada by foreign residents rose 1.6 per cent to 2.1 million trips in July.

Canadian residents took 4.5 million trips abroad in July, up 2.5 per cent, while the number of trips by Canadians to the United States rose three per cent to 3.8 million.

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Inflation reading softer than expected

Core inflation well below central bank's two per cent target ◗ New HST believed to be influencing rate

Canada's annual inflation is beginning to track lower again after an extraordinary spike in July that accompanied the introduction of a new harmonized sales tax in three provinces.

Statistics Canada said yesterday that inflation edged down one-tenth of a point to 1.7 per cent in August as prices on a monthly basis fell 0.1 percentage points from July.

Underlying core inflation, which the Bank of Canada uses to gauge price pressures in the country, was unmoved at 1.6 per cent, well below the central bank's two per cent target.

The harmonized sales tax is estimated to be adding about 0.7 per cent to the annual inflation rate — even more in the affected provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia — and will be exerting an influence for the next year.

Prior to July's 0.8 per cent bump, the inflation rate had fallen to one per cent.

The HST was not the only influence on inflation; prices were moderately higher in August across a broad spectrum, with increases registered in seven of the eight components tracked by the agency.

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The numbers

Canada's national annual inflation rate was 1.7 per cent in August, Statistics Canada says.

- **Overall energy prices rose** five per cent, pushed by a 7.7 per cent hike in electricity rates.
- **Home purchases rose 5.5 per cent,** while car insurance was up 5.1 per cent, and restaurants increased 2.5 per cent.
- **Food prices also rose** somewhat with a 1.6 per cent increase last month.

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LONG AND SHORT OF CANADIAN POLITICS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

The House of Commons is back in session and it's very exciting. Not.

MPs are debating whether or not to keep the long-census form and the long-gun registry.

There's a theme at work here. If it's long, it's on the agenda. At least I can't see any other reason for the petty preoccupations of this government.

I've been around a long (there's that word again) time and I can't remember when Canadian politics was as lame as it is now. Pierre Trudeau once went to the polls on "The Land is Strong" (not long) and was rightly trounced. He had already set the bar pretty high with: "The state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation," and "The Land is Strong" was a disappointing sequel.

Nonetheless, compared to the stupefyingly pointless debate over the long-form census, it's vintage Winston Churchill.

Our prime minister seems to think Canadians believe that the right to bear unregistered long guns should be enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. And while we're at it, we don't need no stinking long forms.

I have news for you Mr. Harper: Canadians don't care!

They do care about the small stuff like health care and education, but they're not long, so I guess that's why they're not on the agenda

The long-gun registry is on today's agenda. I could save a lot of greenhouse gas and solve it in 15 seconds. The Canadian Association of the Chiefs of Police says it helps fight crime. That's good enough for me. Next?

"As for the stupid form, only a nation of bureaucrats would argue about a census form."

As for the stupid form, only a nation of bureaucrats would argue about a census form. And Trudeau said the state had no place in the bedrooms of the nation. He was completely silent on counting the bedrooms of the nation.

So where's my pencil? Count me in!

These twin follies are just the tip of the iceberg. Our nation's future leaders can't afford higher education, which means we have another generation of right honourable doofuses in the making. Instead, the government wants to spend about $16 billion of our tax dollars on fighter jets since the Russians might violate our air space. Not sure why. To purchase duty free?

These must be short jets or else the government wouldn't want them. Just sayin'.

I keep hoping I'm just dreaming of an old Monty Python skit — the Ministry of Long Things or something, and I'll just wake up and everything will be relevant and meaningful again.

It will; won't it?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Reflect on that ticket

Worth mentioning

Drivers annoyed by parking tickets in Cambridge, Mass., are getting some calming advice from city officials — try yoga.

The city's parking tickets include instructions on the reverse on how to bend into some simple yoga positions.

The city, which is home to elite universities Harvard and MIT, printed 40,000 of the tickets as part of a public art project by artist-in-residence Daniel Peltz.

Peltz envisions "a reflection on a social situation, the human experience of giving and receiving parking tickets."

He emailed from Sweden: "I started this process by wondering what would happen in a world where I received them with a set of graceful postures: A clean bend at the waist, a gentle lift of the windshield wiper ... I'm going to get the ticket either way, my only choice really is how I'm going to receive it."

Susan Clippinger, the city's transportation chief, told the Boston Herald the purpose of the tickets is to "debunk the idea that all parking tickets are a hostile action."

Not everyone is buying it. Cambridge resident Hyunho Noh said "it's not working" as he showed up to pay a $25 ticket.

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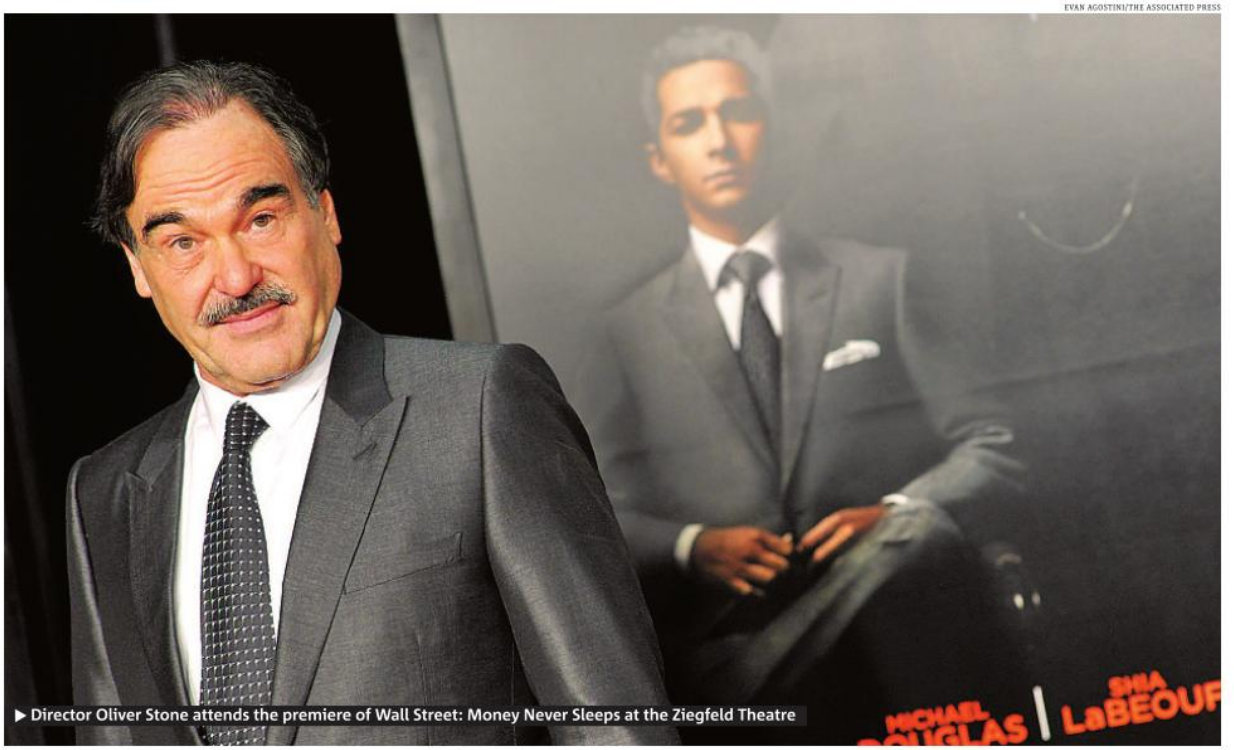

▶ Director Oliver Stone attends the premiere of Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps at the Ziegfeld Theatre

Walking Wall Street

Director Oliver Stone takes Metro through how he updated his new film Wall Street Talks about the impact of the real world Wall Street crisis

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Controversial movie director Oliver Stone is renowned for his hardline liberal views on American politics.

He has unflinchingly tackled raw events with films like World Trade Center and W but now he's taking on the men behind the world financial meltdown by revisiting a topic he covered over 20 years ago with his film Wall Street.

He spoke to Metro his timely sequel Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

How did you update Wall Street?

That's a 10-minute answer! Things like computers, globalization and the banking system on steroids. It's crazy. Banks were kind of dull back in the 1980s but by 2000 they had got into the debt business big time. They drove the economy into the toilet. We were living beyond our means, not just the banks, but the people, everyone.

Do the characters behave differently from those in the 1987 movie?

The old world was much more person-to-person. Now, you really basically trade with a computer. Also, you are in and out much faster. You don't take long-term positions and that's unfortunate. A lot of it is speculation. It's a short-term process: you grab it while it's hot.

The focus of the original movie ended up being on Gordon Gekko — who the public became fascinated with .

Michael Douglas was well aware of that and came back with a much bigger role than in the original. It's really a human drama with a background of Wall Street — same old problems with love, trust, greed and betrayal that we have always had in our history back not just 1987 but in 2008.

How difficult was it making a film about a crisis in the midst of that crisis?

The research was complex. I mean the concept of taking credit derivatives, all that new jargon, it's complicated. We didn't want to overdo it, so we had to simplify it. We have complicated stuff in that movie. The Federal Reserve Board scenes alone have never been done in film. It was taking a complex thesis to making it smaller and simpler but true to what happened, so I think if you look closely at the background, you will see the events of 2008 were echoed in the film.

On sequels

On why he's never made a sequel

"Don't call it a sequel If I wanted to do a real sequel, I would've done it in the '90s because most of the people would've remembered the original and I probably would've done it better. But I don't think you need to know the old film at all to appreciate it. The only leftover is Gekko and he establishes a new character from the very beginning."

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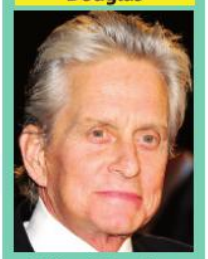
Douglas



Michael Douglas has channeled the confidence of ruthless corporate raider Gordon Gekko while walking the red carpet at the New York City premiere of his latest film, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. The Academy Award-winning actor recently announced he's being treated for throat cancer. and wasn't able to give interviews this week.

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Renaissance man: Baron Davis takes time away from the fast break to carve out a film career

Fall's hottest movie picks

This year's cinematic goodie bag will last you through till Christmas

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Spring's got the duds. Summer's got the blockbusters. Fall — probably in keeping with the myriad leafy colours of the season — brings in more mixed film fare.

So, here's the Metro list of what's hot and what's not in the world of movies for the chilly days ahead:

THE MEGA-MILLION-DOLLAR LIST:

Megamind (Nov. 5): After the disastrous Land of The Lost and the ho-hum The Other Guys, Will Ferrell needs a hit. And this animated send-up of superhero movies might just have the mainstream super-strength to save the day for the comedy star.

Due Date (Nov. 5): It's a Todd Phillips (The Hangover director) movie. It's a Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis movie. No reason why Warner Bros. shouldn't be laughing all the way to the bank.

Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (Nov. 10): Only the boy wizard and his Hogwarts mates can take on the box-office might of Toy Story 3 and Inception — two of 2010's biggest hits.

ALSO SEE: Tron: Legacy, Paranormal Activity 2

THE ACADEMY LIST:

The Social Network (Oct. 1): Will uptight Academy voters "like" the new media phenom? Early critical buzz for the David Fincher film points to some serious nomination damage.

127 Hours (Nov. 5): It's a Danny "Slumdog Millionaire" Boyle movie all right but all the praise around this true tale of a trapped hiker has been heaped on star James Franco.

Black Swan (Dec. 3): If blogs are to be believed, Natalie Portman has the Best Actress Oscar locked down for her turn as a tortured ballet dancer in Darren Aronofosky's follow-up to The Wrestler.

ALSO SEE: Hereafter, True Grit, The King's Speech

THE ALTERNATIVE LIST:

The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest (Oct. 15): Girl wonder Lisbeth Salander's harrowing journey comes to an end in the final installment of the Millennium Trilogy.

Fubar 2 (Oct. 1): The Canadian cult classic about two Calgary headbangers returns with a bigger budget but the spirit of improvised buffoonery remains intact.

Catfish (limited release): Is it a documentary? True or not, this may be this year's biggest leftfield hit.

ALSO SEE: Jack Goes Boating, Jackass 3-D, The Tempest

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▶ Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1

The Black List

- **Saw 3-D.** You knew this was coming. Maybe this will be so revolting that it will turn viewers off 3-D once and for all (now that's wishful thinking).
- **Burlesque.** Christina Aguilera goes the Britney Spears and Mariah Carey route. That can't be good news.
- **Little Fockers.** Some things just don't sound right. Or funny.

Romanek takes on dystopian romance

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▶ Director Mark Romanek

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Director Mark Romanek has an extensive music video background that goes beyond 25 years. He's worked with the likes of Madonna, Coldplay and Jay-Z and even has two videos in Manhattan's Museum of Modern Art.

Yet with all that experience, he's still learning how to make movies. "It's a completely different agenda," said Romanek while promoting his latest film, Never Let Me Go.

"Making a pop video is meant to be punchy and energetic and grab you by the collar … this is an adaptation of a Kazuo Ishiguro novel. You have to completely start from scratch, change your rhythms, change your whole sensibility."

Called the Best Novel of the Decade by Time Magazine, Never Let Me Go tells the tale of three young adults at a remote English boarding school that soon discover they're being groomed for the ominous future that awaits them.

"It really isn't a science fiction film," said Romanek about a surprising fantastical twist in the film. "It's a very subtle underplayed sense of an alternate history. It's interesting because it's a retro-future — it takes place in the '70s, '80s and early '90s, so it's not that kind of futuristic science fiction."

Still, it is a shocking dystopian romance and while it was bold enough to craft an oddball love story, that's nothing to the scrutiny fans of the novel will undoubtedly hold for Romanek's Hollywood adaptation. "You simply can't cram every beautiful detail into a film. You have to make some tough choices about getting at the essence of the story," defended Romanek. "But the greatest validation for me is that Kazuo, the author, loves the film."

A Diverse List

Some of Mark Romanek's best known music videos:

- **kd lang.** Constant Craving, 1992
- **Nine Inch Nails.** Closer, 1994
- **Madonna.** Bedtime Story, 1995
- **Weezer.** El Scorcho, 1996
- **Johnny Cash.** Hurt, 2002
- **Jay-Z.** 99 Problems, 2004
- **Coldplay.** Speed of Sound, 2005

A new brand of Justice

Former prosecutor starts her own daytime legal show Unraveling stories behind legal disputes could distinguish Swift Justice from rivals

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Swift Justice's Nancy Grace

The teenager furrowed her brow and fixed Nancy Grace with a glare from across the television studio. But the girl was messing with the wrong person.

"You're trying to act like a bully right now," Grace told her. "I'm not going to be bullied."

Anyone who has seen the fierce former prosecutor clamp down on missing person cases on her prime-time HLN show knows who wins that test of wills.

Grace has brought her style of justice into daytime TV's busy courtroom genre and hopes to stand out, in part, by not being in a courtroom. She refereees disputes but stays out of judicial robes and off the bench in the daily, syndicated show Swift Justice that premiered last week. She uses polygraphs and interviews witnesses who appear through Skype-like technology on huge screens on her set.

And there will be no doubting her rulings. "Case closed," she says, in what may quickly become her catch phrase.

Grace's high profile and willingness to try new things give Swift Justice the best chance at succeeding among the three new syndicated legal shows debut this fall, said Bill Carroll, a programming analyst for Katz Television, which represents local stations seeking ad time in the syndication market. Seven existing shows, including People's Court and Judge Joe Brown, also chase Judy in the ratings.

Grace recognizes the dominance of Judge Judy. It's one of the few shows that her father watches regularly back home in Georgia. "Why even pretend to be her?" Grace said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV Picks

Phoenix faces Letterman

LATE NIGHT. Joaquin Phoenix returns to the scene of the crime but will he be in character again? The actor is a guest on the Late Show with David Letterman, where he last appeared heavily bearded and wearing dark sunglasses, and mumbled his way through a confrontational interview. He's returning to promote his mockumentary I'm Still Here, and who knows which Joaquin will show up. (CBS)
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Dragons back for new season

REALITY. Dragons' Den is back for a fifth season with another lineup of hopeful Canadian entrepreneurs. The Dragons consider business pitches on a dog umbrella, a new public washroom sanitization product and a textbook rental service. (CBC)
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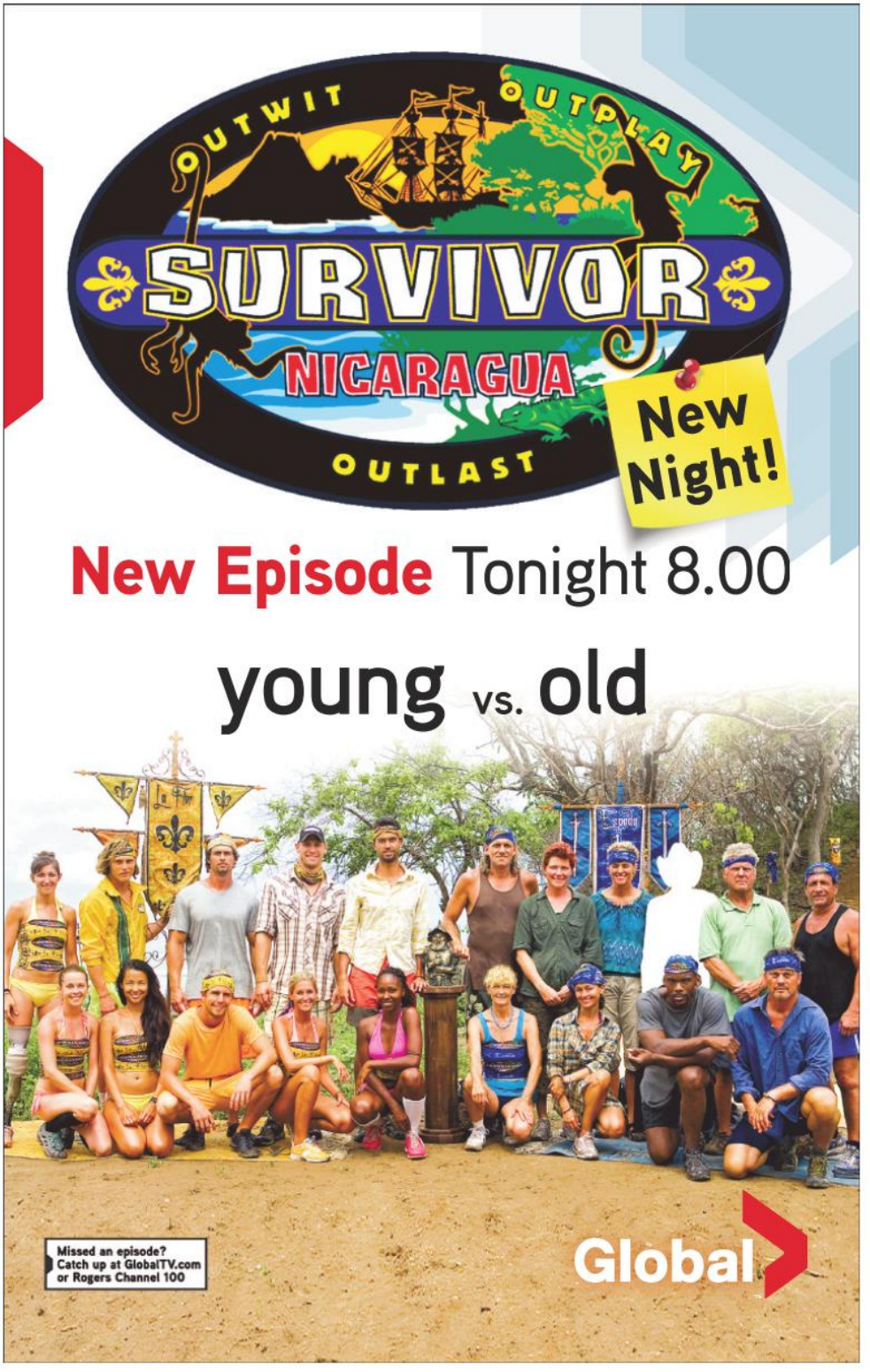

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▶ Paris Hilton

Paris's tour on hold

Celebrity socialite's Tokyo appearance cancelled Unclear whether Asian promo tour will continue in nations with strict anti-drug laws

Japanese officials delayed Paris Hilton's entry into the country a day after she pleaded guilty to misdemeanour charges in Las Vegas, the socialite's spokeswoman said.

An emailed statement by Hilton's rep, Dawn Miller, said the 29-year-old was delayed by immigration authorities upon her arrival yesterday in Japan.

She was scheduled to appear at a news conference in Tokyo today to promote her fashion line, but that appearance was cancelled.

It was unclear where Hilton was or whether she will continue with her promotional tour. She was scheduled to visit several other countries, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

The trip had been planned before Hilton's arrest last month in Las Vegas after an officer found a small amount of cocaine in her purse. She pleaded guilty Monday to drug possession and obstructing an officer and was placed on informal probation for one year.

The terms of her sentence did not restrict travel overseas.

"Paris was contractually bound to her business trip and didn't want to let down her brands and many Asian fans," Miller's statement said. "She intended on fulfilling her contract and is trying hard to do the responsible thing, but this is beyond her control. She is very disappointed by tonight's events."

It was Hilton's latest encounter with the law since 2006, when she was arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of driving under the influence. She later pleaded no contest to alcohol-related reckless driving and was put on probation, which she later violated by driving with a suspended license. Hilton served 23 days in jail because of the violation.

"It was a pretty traumatic experience, something that I really have grown from," Hilton told CNN's Larry King.

These days, however, it's unclear exactly what the celebrity socialite learned from her time behind bars.

In July, she briefly faced a marijuana case after a FIFA World Cup game in South Africa, but the allegation was dropped when a woman who was with her pleaded guilty to carrying the drug.

Hilton was arrested again on Aug. 26 inside the Wynn resort on the Las Vegas Strip. Police said a small bag containing 0.8 of a gram of cocaine fell from her Chanel purse as she reached for a tube of lip balm in front of a police lieutenant. Hilton told police the purse and cocaine were not hers.

She acknowledged in her court appearance Monday that she stashed cocaine in her purse and lied to police during her arrest.

Under the terms of a plea deal, Hilton must serve a year of probation, complete a drug program, pay a $2,000 fine and serve 200 hours of community service. If she violates her probation, she could get a year in jail.

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Hugh Jackman's chopper gets electrified

Authorities say a helicopter used in the filming of the Hugh Jackman movie Real Steel snagged a power line in Michigan, causing a brief power outage and closing a roadway.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson told the Huron Daily Tribune of Bad Axe that no injuries were reported after the Sunday evening incident in Huron County's Sheridan Township, about 90 miles north of Detroit.

Hanson says the helicopter was equipped with a front-mounted camera. Hanson says the helicopter hooked the electrical wire, then seemed to have "directional control issues" before safely flying away.

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▶ Hugh Jackman.

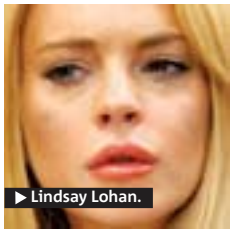
Lohan not quite locked up yet

Officials at Los Angeles County Superior Court say a bench warrant was issued Monday for Lohan. However, authorities say Lohan won't be taken into custody pending the court hearing Friday.

Lohan confirmed on her Twitter page last week that she failed a court-ordered drug and alcohol screening.

A judge had threatened her with 30 days in jail for each probation violation.

Lohan spent two weeks in jail this year after violating probation stemming from convictions involving her 2007 arrests for drug use and driving under the influence. THE CANADIAN PRESS


▶ Lindsay Lohan.

Talking points

MJ's kids to be on the stand

COURT. In the manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson, accused doctor Conrad Murray plans to call two of the late singer's children to testify, according to Radar Online. "Prince and Paris knew their dad relied on Dr. Murray to survive and knew their father adored him," a source says. "Their comments, if they back him, could save him from jail because it would work well in the eyes of a jury."

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Religion the cause of Moss' divorce: Report

SCIENTOLOGY. Elisabeth Moss officially filed for divorce from her husband of less than a year, Saturday Night Live star Fred Armisen, according to Us Weekly. Moss and Armisen have been living separate lives since they split up in June, according to the court documents. While the cause of the breakup is unclear, sources say the Mad Men actress' devotion to Scientology came between them. "Her religion was as important to her as their marriage, if not more," a source says. "He could not get with it."

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Don't call Shia green

ENVIRONMENT. Shia LaBeouf admits that he isn't that green. "I'm gonna be honest with you, I'm not environmentally friendly," he says, according to Showbiz Spy. "I'm horrible, horrible, horrible. My mom hates me for it. Sometimes I put the can in the right bin, sometimes I don't. I have to be better about it, I know, and I'm sorry, world."

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Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong [@lancearmstrong] I've decided it's not that HOT here. However it is miserably HUMID.

Slash [@slash] Its been brought to my attention the Ernest Borgnine is the voice of "Mermaid man." I thought he looked & sounded just like him.

Kelley Osbourne [@MissKellyO] i have bit of a soft spot for bristol palin!!!!

Neil Patrick Harris [@Actually NPH] I'm at the Disneyland Hotel, attending and hosting a conference on the history of theme park technology. I'm stoked and kind of ashamed.

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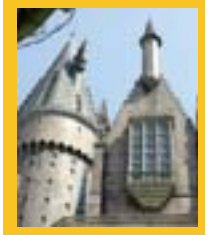
A better ride



Universal Orlando is tweaking an attraction to ensure even guests with bellies can enjoy the park's most popular Harry Potter ride.

After taking heat from guests too big to squeeze in, the company said this week it has started tinkering to make Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey more accessible.

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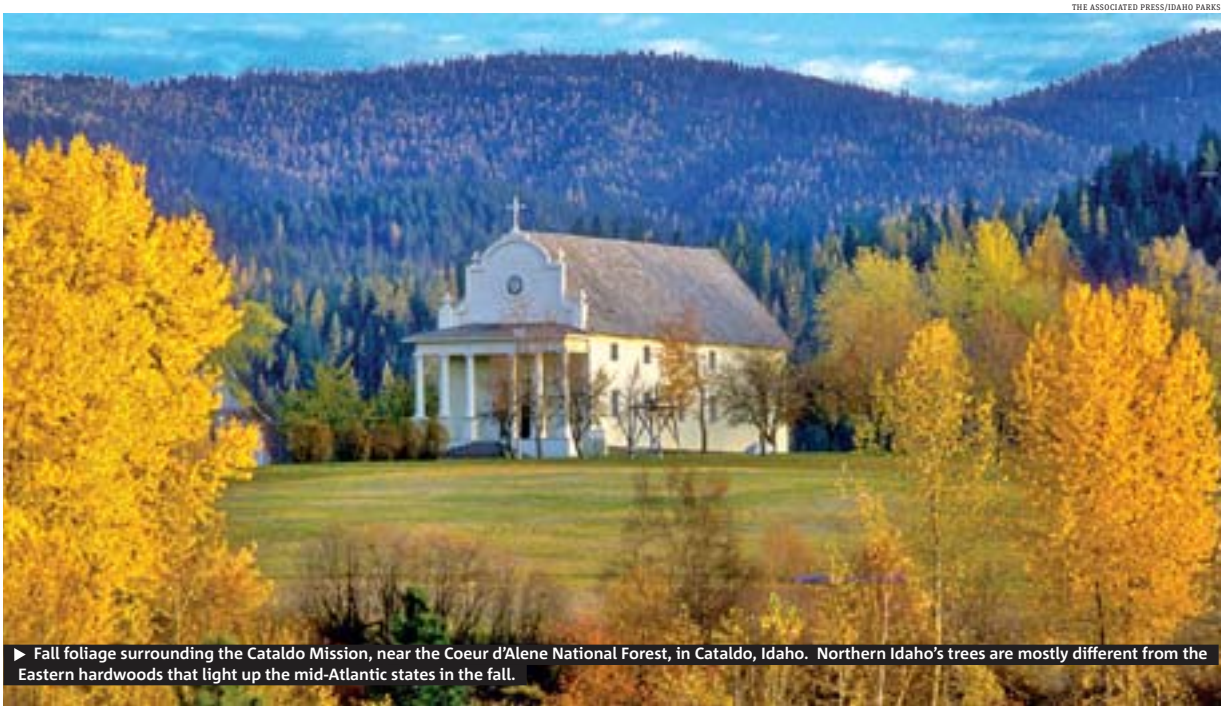

▶ Fall foliage surrounding the Cataldo Mission, near the Coeur d'Alene National Forest, in Cataldo, Idaho. Northern Idaho's trees are mostly different from the Eastern hardwoods that light up the mid-Atlantic states in the fall.

A magical canopy of colour in Idaho

Fall foliage defies idea that autumn colour is something only found in the East A stunning riot of yellow, deep green and bright gold greet you

In this age of big-box stores, Sandpoint, in northern Idaho, offers the little box: The labyrinthine used bookstore, the coffee shop with a sagging couch and a pile of magazines, and a family-owned pharmacy and tool store that sells rubber bands, wheelchairs, birdseed, and dolls.

Just an hour south of the Canadian border, tiny Sandpoint (population 7,000) offers another counterpoint to prevailing perceptions as well, by defying the idea that fall foliage is something you only find in the eastern United States.

Northern Idaho's trees are mostly different from the eastern hardwoods that light up the mid-Atlantic states in the fall.

The mountains are dominated by evergreens, but they have some deciduous species such as quaking aspen, cottonwood and willow. Just as in the East, the trees here also display a stunning mix of colour as winter approaches.

The western larch, also called the tamarack, turns a bright gold as its needles drop to the ground.

Then there's the muted green of sage-covered hills with splashes of purple or yellow wildflowers and the round yellow leaves of the aspens glimmer like a basket of gold coins.

Chic Burge, a photographer who works in a store called Camera Corral in nearby town Coeur d'Alene, leads foliage hiking tours in the mountains along the border of Idaho and Montana, where colour peaks at the end of September and first half of October.

Idaho's culture is rooted in natural resources like agriculture, logging and mining, and the region's fall festivals make the most of those roots.

Fall visitors are just in time to see sheep herders moving the sheep down to lower pastures for the winter — the basis for Sun Valley's popular Trailing of the Sheep festival, which falls on Oct. 8 to 10 this years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you go ...

The West also has something lacking in most Eastern states: Space to enjoy the landscape on your own, or in the company of some cattle or sheep.

Getting there: The nearest large city to northern Idaho is Spokane, Wash. Its airport is served by a half-dozen airlines, including Southwest and Delta. Or take a ride on Amtrak's Empire Builder between Chicago and Seattle.

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Wales' beach invasion

Freshwater West Beach in south west Wales has somehow got onto Hollywood's A-list In recent months both Robin Hood and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows have been filmed here Paul Baldwin takes a look

When hundreds of horsemen show up to the beach, the mood is sure to be spoiled.

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You know how annoying it can be.

You've just laid out your towel, factor 30'd-up, put your new shades on, and you're just getting to a juicy bit in your trashy novel when suddenly thousands of marauding horsemen and hundreds of French longboatmen intent on murder, rape and plunder go and spoil the mood.

At least that's how it was at Freshwater West Beach in Wales when movie director Ridley Scott rocked-up (with superstars Russell Crowe, William Hurt, and Cate Blanchet in tow) to film the major battle scenes for Robin Hood.

The movie, which has just been released on DVD, is dripping with Scott's famous attention to detail, and over two weeks the beach (and the locals) witnessed film-making on a truly epic scale.

Student Marlon Godfrey, who lives in nearby market town Narberth, said: "It was unbelievable. My friends and I would come out here at the crack of dawn and watch the film being made.

"Normally nothing like this happens in this part of Wales, but we've had Harry Potter being filmed here too."

But after a long day putting French invaders to the sword how do legendary mythical heroes unwind?

Well Crowe, who plays Robin Hood, set up a caravan and threw endless barbecues. You can take the boy out of Australia…

But the more discerning Blanchett (Maid Marion) Hurt (the hapless William Marshall) and of course A-list director Scott headed for The Grove, a gorgeous 18th century country house close to Narberth which has been painstakingly restored to former glories by owners Neil Kedward and Zoe Agar.

The Grove offers both nine traditional bedrooms and three beautifully appointed suites. A little further across the 26 acres of painstakingly tended gardens are four converted stone cottages with oak kitchens and wood burning stoves. These can be self-catering and visitors can even help themselves to produce from the seasonal country garden.

"It can be really annoying when your tranquil corner of the beach is invaded by marauding horsemen with murderous intent."

The whole thing is set in a small hollow on a hillside with stunning views of Narberth and the Preseli Hills and the deliciousness of the setting is only met by the food served in the restaurant. The breakfast is a gem — if you can steer yourself away from the traditional Welsh breakfast try the homemade toasted crumpets with blueberries and Greek natural yoghurt or the creamed smoked haddock and parmesan omelette.

Neil says The Grove is no stranger to celebrity guests but the cast of Robin Hood was a bit special.

"To have to remain completely cool and professional even though Cate Blanchett was in the bar was difficult!" he adds.

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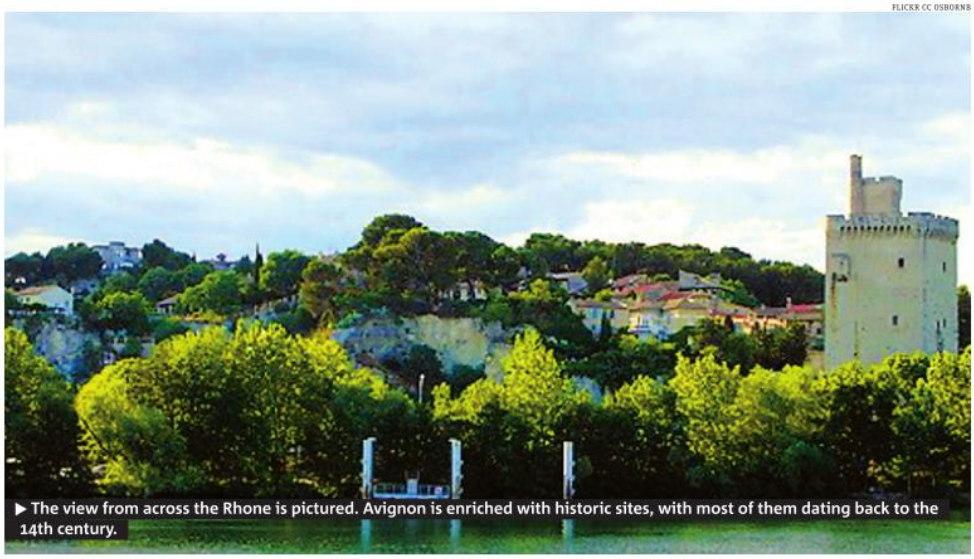

▶ The view from across the Rhone is pictured. Avignon is enriched with historic sites, with most of them dating back to the 14th century.

Bridge beauty

For centuries children the world over have learned the folksong Sur la pont d'Avignon and the remains of the bridge are almost worth the visit alone. But if you look around you'll see Avignon is dripping in history

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Why go now?
Avignon sits on the left bank of the Rhone in the south of France and enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with temperatures in September and October in the mid 20s. It's a lovely open city with a great history. Watch out for the mistral winds though – one historical jibe runs 'windy Avignon, pest-ridden when there is no wind, windpestered when there is.' Which we can assume won't be appearing on any tourism posters anytime soon.

It's my first time – what should I do?
Most of Avignon's historical monuments date from the 14th century, when for 70 years the papal seat was moved there from Rome. The massive Palais des Papes is the centrepiece: a vast Gothic confection of banqueting halls, crennelated towers and soaring ceilings but the city overflows with palaces, castles, museums and churches. The absolutely unmissable sight however is the Pont St-Benezet, the famous bridge of the folk song Sur le Pont d'Avignon. Only four of the original 22 arches remain but they have an atmosphere all their own.

"There's not much left of the original bridge but what remains has an eerie feel."

I've been there before – what should I see this time?
The city walls provide exquisite (and free) views of the vineyards of the Rhone and the Rocher des Doms park. Other A-list attractions include the mediaeval paintings of the Petit Palais, the Romanesque cathedral Notre-Dame-des-Doms, and the Renaissance church of St-Pierre.

The area around rue de la Banasterie has a higgedly-piggeldy collection of 17th and 18th-century town houses, with mullioned windows and tiny courtyards.

Where's the best shopping?
The street alongside the Sorgue canal, where huge wooden waterwheels still turn, and has become something of a bohemian quarter, with inexpensive restaurants and arts and crafts shops. The Avignon Festival runs in July (festival-avignon.com) and is a fantastic shop-window for the foods, traditions and crafts of this city. It can get busy but if you can stand the crowds it creates a real buzz.

What's the nightlife like?
Tends to be restaurants and bars rather than banging nightclubs. The Place de l'Horloge is lined with cafés like La Civette with friendly courteous staff who don't mind if you stop for a coffee rather than the full menu. Try La Grille (25 Place de l'Horloge) brasserie where three-course set menus starting at about $39. La Cour du Louvre (23 rue St Agricol, 90 27 12 66) is tucked away in a stone-sided courtyard: its bourride fish stew is a Provençale speciality: $150 to $180 for two with wine.

Where should I stay?
Hôtel De Mons in Avignon centre (hotel-demons.com) is an amazing converted 13th-century chapel which, while it may not be everyone's taste, is great value at around $120 per night.

Dig a bit deeper and you might try the sumptuous La Mirande, an 18th-century former family home close to the Palais des Papes. Secluded and gorgeous. Not cheap but ask about deals.

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Italy's best beaches

▶ La Dolce Vita: Rimini beach

Italy is perhaps more famed for its cultural gifts to the world than its leisure activities But take a closer look There are hundreds of miles of world class beaches to explore and enjoy (bikini tops optional)

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The glories of Rome, Florence, Naples, and Milan are quite rightly trumpeted around the world.

The flip-side of this though is that Italy often gets seen as a 'city-break' nation — cool, stylish, historic and cultured.

But this is to overlook the 7,600 km of infinitely varying coastline offering those less inclined to Renaissance gems a treasure no less desirable: Italy's perfect beaches.

We've picked our five favourites, so you don't have to.

5 TERRACINA

Only an hour from Rome, Terracina is a firm favourite with the Italians.

White sands, warm sea and all mod-cons in terms of sea-front bars, restaurants and shops. What lifts Terracina is the beach's proximity to a host of Roman ruins, including Jupiter's Temple and the old Roman Forum.

It is still a working port and has a bustling and picturesque quayside.

4 SPIAGGIA SABBIE NERE, SICILY

Easily the loveliest beach on the archipelago, Spiaggia Sabbie Nere is scenic, quiet, and usually quite empty on the island of Vulcano, which is why the sands are black.

This is only a problem around noon when the sand gets so hot it is impossible to walk on. Take flip-flops and chill. Mud baths using the volcanic mud are also available.

3 RIMINI

Another classic Italian beach with gorgeously wide strips of white sand stretching along Adriatic coast, Rimini is every inch the classy Italian tourist hot-spot.

In Italy, architectural marvels and Roman ruins are never far away, and so it is with Rimni.

At night the beach area positively buzzes with upmarket restaurants, bars and clubs.

2 CAPRI

Capri has long been a magnet for Italy's rich and famous, and with good reason — it is a Mediterranean paradise, an island dominated by rugged cliffs, luxury apartments with infinity pools, all projected against the most brilliant blue seas and skies anywhere in the world.

A short walk form the historic center of Capri is Marinna Piccolla beach.

1 SORRENTO

Arguably the diamond among the gems of the Amalfi Coast's beaches. Sorrento's backdrop — rolling hills overlooking the Vesuvius volcano — is simply stunning.

It's also just a short drive from the buzzing city of Naples and close to Pompeii, Capri and Ischia.

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The legacy of Khmer

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▶ A young girl looks on at the Bayon in Siem Reap province.

Tourists gather every day before dawn to watch the sun rise over Angkor Wat, a 12th-century temple and the grandest legacy of Cambodia's once mighty Khmer empire.

Even at 5 a.m., the heat and humidity is enough to make the visitors break into a sweat.

More than one million people come annually to see the remains of the Khmer temples that dot the sprawling Angkor region, 230 kilometres northwest of the country's capital, Phnom Penh.

For Cambodians, the temples are nothing less than a symbol of their nation; an outline of Angkor Wat adorns the national flag.

A nearby temple, Wat Thmei, also includes a reminder of a dark chapter in recent Cambodian history.

A memorial stupa houses bones and skulls from the victims of the "killing fields," who were executed by the brutal Khmer Rouge regime that ruled in the late 1970s.

Today, Angkor is a vital contributor to the poor nation's economy, with almost all visitors to the country travelling to the ruins.

After a hot day visiting the temples, tourists head to the bars and Western-style air-conditioned restaurants in the nearby town of Siem Reap.

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▶Monks look at Angkor Wat in Siem Reap province, about 230 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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Experts: GPS is not always best

Wilderness photography buff Andrew Kalinowski says his GPS device has got him out of many a jam on logging roads in northern Ontario forests.

The global positioning system finds his exact location, so he can easily find a way out. "I'd say the GPS saves me from getting lost every year," he said.

But for every story of GPS salvation, there's one about a driver being led to a "shortcut" through what ends up being a junkyard instead of a road.

And as happy as Kalinowski is with such devices, he says they have sometimes led him to unpaved or closed roads, mostly up north.

"It tries to lead me, usually a very good way. But I know a shorter way, often, and I know ... a faster way because I have local knowledge," the Mississauga, Ont. man said.

Many drivers admit to a love-hate relationship with those little black GPS boxes, which can be a lifeline one minute and a disorienting nuisance the next.

This became evident recently, when at least two bus drivers got lost while using GPS devices, one with fatal results.

Police in New York state say the driver of a Toronto-bound bus was distracted by a GPS device when he drove into a low-hanging bridge off the regular route, killing four passengers. Experts say although the gadgets make travelling easier, they cannot replace human brains, so users should bring backup paper maps, and a cellphone to call for help.

The problems are not due to poor satellite reception, as many believe, but with the accuracy of maps.

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Living colour

Vantage points offer sweeping views of fall colours in Ontario

▶ Killarney Provincial Park

Want a great view of the fall colours in Ontario?

Try hiking to the top of Ishpatina Ridge in Lady Evelyn Smoothwater Provincial Park north of Sudbury.

At 693 metres above sea level, it's the highest point of land in the province and offers a magnificent view of the surrounding terrain, says the Ontario Parks blog.

There are numerous vantage points in Ontario suitable for viewing fall colours from on high.

Some other examples on the Parks blog include:

1. In Killarney Provincial Park, the view from Silver Peak (539 metres above sea level) encompasses the entire park.

2. At Ouimet Canyon, off the Trans-Canada Highway between Thunder Bay and Sleeping Giant, a one-kilometre trail leads to platforms that overlook the canyon.

3. A trail runs along the north rim of the 100-metre-deep Barron Canyon in Algonquin park (reached from the Sand Lake Gate entrance).

4. In Restoule, about 65 kilometres southeast of North Bay, there are several scenic lookouts, including one 100 metres above Stormy Lake.

5. The almost 200-metre-high Nipissing bluffs in Awenda park north of Midland provide an excellent spot to see fall colours.

6. The new Blue Mountain Trail in Charleston Lake park, northeast of Kingston reaches the highest point of land in eastern Ontario.

7. The Red Pine Trail in Samuel de Champlain park, east of North Bay, has two lookouts with superb views of the Mattawa River Valley.

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Red Fife Wheat Waffle

▶ Red Fife Waffle with Ontario peaches and blueberries.

Pastry chef's recipe use Red Fife whole wheat

Preparation:
Whole-Wheat Waffles

1. Preheat waffle iron and grease lightly with vegetable oil. In a bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, brown sugar and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together egg, buttermilk and melted butter. Fold buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until just combined; the batter will be slightly lumpy.
2. Pour about 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the batter onto hot waffle iron, spreading evenly. Cook according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Serve immediately with warmed maple syrup, sliced peaches and wild blueberries. Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:
- 250 ml (1 cup) Red Fife whole-wheat flour
- 6 ml (1 1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (10 tsp) baking soda
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 large egg
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) buttermilk
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) melted butter

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Red Fife whole wheat: Delicious

Heritage Red Fife wheat perfect for baking only the best tasting breads and pastries says Toronto chef

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▶ Andrea Damon Gibson poses in a field of Red Fife wheat.

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A number of Canadian bakeries are turning to Red Fife wheat to augment their artisanal methods.

One such baker is Andrea Damon Gibson, a Toronto pastry chef who with her husband Steve Gibson owns Fred's Bread.

A friend of theirs whose cousin is a farmer agreed to grow Heritage Red Fife wheat for the couple on his farm near Sunderland, Ont., 100 kilometres northeast of Toronto.

"Bob Marquis bought some organic Red Fife seed for us and planted it this past spring," says Damon Gibson.

Since opening the bakery 15 years ago, she has used the same miller, Grain Process Enterprises, and they are milling the wheat.

"We have found quite a demand for whole-grain breads and other baked goods because of their health benefits and extra fibre," she says. "There are a lot of flours out there that have added some bran to white flour and call it whole wheat and it is not."

Fred's Bread, which by the way got its name from the little car Steve Gibson bought for Andrea on her 22nd birthday, will celebrate its 15th anniversary Sept. 26.

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The skinny

Here are some historical facts about Red Fife wheat:

- It is the genetic grandparent of most Canadian wheat grown today and a vital part of modern wheat breeding in Canada and much of the world.
- Its name is derived from David Fife, a farmer in Peterborough, Ont. In 1842 he began growing some kernels he received from Scotland. The grains matured earlier and resisted disease better than any other grown in Canada.
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Have you found just the right blog expert for the latest industry trends and information? In a time-strapped world, such a resource may be all you need to keep completely current.

Take a look for example at blog.staples.ca where industry specialists get right to the point with the latest news, breakthroughs and illustrative videos. Log on for just two or three minutes each time, or stay on the site a little longer to interact.

The opinions, quick tips and requests of others — in similar business shoes — is highly useful for keeping an eye on the technology, sales techniques, marketing, financing, training, staffing and more.

Three-minute video interviews cover topics like How To Get Small Business Publicity, Bookkeeping Made Easy, How To Make A Business Plan — and hyperlinked, is a list of the most important daily business concerns including Getting Organized, Growing Your Business, Tax Tips, Promoting Your Business, Importance of Networking as well as special interest trends in categories like Biz Tips, Tech Tuesdays and Earth Matters. NEWS CANADA

▶ The right blog may be all you need to keep completely current.

Blogs deliver useful tips

If you have no time for formal professional development or continuing education, find yourself just the right business blog for information and consultation, industry leaders say. It may take some trial-and-error to locate the best blog for your company needs, but when you do, just a few minutes each week will keep you right in the game.

"Staying profitable on the business speed train means keeping a constant eye on competition, technology, sales techniques, marketing, financing, training, support staff, and on all of the newest tools, gadgets and products," says Steve Matyas, president of Staples Canada. "Since management generally has no time to spare, Staples designed its blog to get right to the point with the latest news, breakthroughs and illustrative videos.

Log on for just two or three minutes each time to keep up, or stay a little longer to interact. The opinions, quick tips and requests of others — in similar business shoes — is highly useful and educational too."

To avoid online trappings, time management specialists recommend this formula: locate the right resource; explore the design, format, and topics; bookmark it; return at a set time weekly (or daily) for bite-size updates. With regular, brief visits, the information will have far more value.

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▶ More evidence that obesity is expensive - work costs add to health bills: study.

The high price of adult obesity

Doctors have long known medical bills are higher
New research suggests annual costs in the thousands

Obesity puts a drag on the wallet as well as health, especially for women.

Doctors have long known that medical bills are higher for the obese, but that's only a portion of the real-life costs.

George Washington University researchers added in things like employee sick days, lost productivity, even the need for extra gasoline — and found the annual cost of being obese is $4,879 US for a woman and $2,646 US for a man.

That's far more than the cost of being merely overweight — $524 US for women and $432 US for men, concluded the report being released yesterday, which analyzed previously published studies to come up with a total.

Why the difference between the sexes? Studies suggest larger women earn less than skinnier women, while wages don't differ when men pack on the pounds. That was a big surprise, said study co-author and health policy professor Christine Ferguson.

Researchers had expected everybody's wages to suffer with obesity, but "this indicates you're not that disadvantaged as a guy, from a wage perspective," said Ferguson.

Then consider that obesity is linked to earlier death. While that's not something people usually consider a pocketbook issue, the report did average in the economic value of lost life. That brought women's annual obesity costs up to $8,365 US, and men's to $6,518 US.

The report was financed by one of the manufacturers of gastric banding, a type of obesity surgery.

The numbers are in line with other research and aren't surprising, said Dr. Kevin Schulman, a professor of medicine and health economist at Duke University who wasn't involved in the new report.

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past 30 years. Nearly 18 per cent of adolescents now are obese, facing a future of diabetes, heart disease and other ailments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

health care costs

- **A major study** published last year found medical spending averages US$1,400 more a year for the obese than normal-weight people. Tuesday's report added mostly work-related costs — things like sick days and disability claims — related to those health problems.
- **It also included** a quirky finding, a study that calculated nearly one billion additional gallons of gasoline are used every year because of increases in car passengers' weight since 1960.

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Workplace Law

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Ill or disabled employees often receive protections that few others in the workplace are afforded. But what happens when a sick employee can never return? Can employers discard employees they view as festering on their disability insurance or must they keep their jobs available for an indefinite period of time? According to a recent Alberta case, employers must tread carefully with injured employees or pay the price of their severance.

When Sandra Lippa received a package in the mail containing her record of employment signed by her replacement and her outstanding vacation pay, she assumed she had been fired. Lippa had left work five months' earlier due to an illness and it was not clear when she would return.

Lippa's employer, Can-Cell Industries, disagreed. Lippa hadn't qualified for short or long-term disability insurance, and in the meantime it had no choice but to replace her in her position. Can-Cell wrote to Lippa requesting medical confirmation that her illness prevented her from working and gave her a deadline to respond. When Lippa questioned the sincerity of Can-Cell's position, she was fired for cause.

The company argued that Lippa had abandoned her employment by refusing to return and that her employment was frustrated so it did not owe her any severance.

The legal principle of frustration of contract means that what you have initially bargained for no longer exists. In workplace law, the issue often arises when employees are absent for an indefinite period of time, without any reasonable likelihood of returning. If an employment contract is frustrated, then the employer has the right to walk away from the employee, without paying any severance.

Recently, an Alberta court considered Can-Cell's arguments and rejected its assertions that Lippa had done anything wrong. According to the judge, Can-Cell had treated Lippa's health problems as being "fortuitous." By arguing that Lippa had abandoned her job, Can-Cell was simply seeking to avoid paying her severance.

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Dr. Jane Thompson, Executive Director of the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership program has met some incredibly dedicated students throughout her years working on the program, and has witnessed the impact the scholarships have had on their educational careers. Her advice? Apply, apply, and apply!

Dr. Thompson recommends the following tips for submitting a stellar application:

- Write clearly and concisely — let your accomplishments shine through.
- Consider the big picture — how have your actions impacted others?
- Apply early — don't risk accidentally missing the deadline.
- Read the requirements carefully — ensure you don't miss anything.

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How to apply

- **Interested applicants** applicants for the 2011 awards program must currently be in their final year of high school.
- **Applications will be** available online after September 1 and at high schools and CEGEPs (in Quebec) after September 20. All completed applications must be received no later than Oct. 31, 2010.
- **For more** details visit tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship.

Better report cards begin with parental involvement

Heading back to school is an important milestone for children.

Soon it'll be a month into the school year, and the entire household will have settled back into school routines. But now isn't the time to relax — in fact, the next milestone is approaching quickly and it can be stressful for families: the first report card.

According to Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder and CEO of Oxford Learning, the first report card, while important, is not the final word on your child's academic potential.

"Parents should consider the first report card as a check-up on how children are adjusting to the new school year," he said. "It's a tool to help parents identify subjects and behaviours that may be trouble spots for the rest of the year."

Dr. Whitehead also recommends that parents don't wait until the first report card to see how their children are progressing.

In order to prevent unpleasant report card surprises, Dr. Whitehead says that parents should be involved in their kids' schooling from the first day of class. NEWS CANADA

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Jays get win, but No. 50 eludes Bautista

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BLUE JAYS	MARINERS

The Toronto Blue Jays hit three home runs yesterday, none of them No. 50 for Jose Bautista.

So, no milestone moment on this night, although the blasts by Vernon Wells, Edwin Encarnacion and Travis Snider were plenty for starter Marc Rzepczynski in a 5-3 victory over the dreadful Seattle Mariners.

While Bautista remained stuck at 49 in his bid to become the 26th player in big-league history to reach the 50-homer plateau, the Blue Jays (76-74) moved a step closer toward securing a .500-or-better season before a crowd of 12,158.

They did it against a woefully limp lineup, as the nine Mariners (57-93) in the batting order had a combined 44 home runs, five less than Bautista. Beyond the top three of Ichiro Suzuki, Chone Figgins and Jose Lopez, their hitters were non-factors.

Suzuki was 4-for-4 with a walk, moving within three hits of 200 for a record 10th consecutive season. Figgins had two hits and an RBI, while Lopez added RBI singles in the first and fifth innings.

Rzepczynski (2-4), earning his first win since Aug. 13, was in trouble a couple times but managed to avoid any big blows over his 6⅓ innings.

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▶ Jay Rosehill and Zack Smith fight last night during NHL pre-season action in Toronto.

Foligno helps Sens top Leafs

- Young forward beats Phaneuf, scores goal in pre-season opener
- Toronto power play falls flat, going 0-8
- Many regulars skip game

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SENATORS	LEAFS

Nick Foligno took advantage of his first opportunity to show the Ottawa Senators he's ready to assume more of an offensive role this season.

The 22-year-old winger raced around Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf and buried a nice wrist shot in last night's pre-season opener, helping the Senators to a 5-0 win over division rival Toronto.

It was a promising start to the exhibition campaign for Foligno, who is looking to rebound from a season that was hindered by a knee injury. Entering his fourth season as a pro, Foligno is hoping to take on more of a role with the Senators and is one of the players in the running for the vacant spot on the team's second line.

He was one of the few regular NHLers who dressed on a night where both teams gave several of their prospects a chance to play. Both the Leafs and Senators have busy pre-season schedules and will face one another again tonight at the Air Canada Centre.

Jesse Winchester, Corey Locke, Chris Neil and Chris Kelly had the other goals for Ottawa.

Jonas Gustavsson and Jussi Rynnas split the goaltending duties for Toronto.

Some familiar problems were on display for the Leafs. Dead last in the NHL on the power play a season ago, Toronto failed to convert on eight chances — including two lengthy 5-on-3s — as coach Ron Wilson continually sent out his top line of Nazem Kadri, Kris Versteeg and Colby Armstrong with Phaneuf and Tomas Kaberle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto FC hangs on for draw in Mexico

Toronto FC hung on for a 0-0 draw with Cruz Azul in the CONCACAF Champion League last night, collecting a rare point for an MLS team in Mexico.

The draw, at altitude before a sparse crowd at Estado Azul, came in Toronto's debut in a competitive match in Mexico. MLS teams have a combined 0-20-3 record all-time in Mexico in meaningful games.

The Mexican side dominated possession and outshot the visitors by a heavy margin, but failed to create many good scoring chances. And Cruz Azul played the last 10 minutes down a man when defender Fausto Pinto was sent off for a second yellow.

7 Cruz Azul (2-1-1) remains atop Group A with seven points while Toronto (1-2-1) is third with four in the club competition that covers North and Central America and the Caribbean.

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Sports in brief

Hamilton has fractured ribs

MLB. Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton, the leading hitter in the major leagues and a top AL MVP candidate, has two fractured ribs but has not been ruled out for the season.

The injury was revealed yesterday. Hamilton has not played for the AL West-leading Rangers since crashing into a wall Sept. 4 while making a catch.

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Dixon out indefinitely

NFL. Steelers quarterback Dennis Dixon will have left knee surgery today and is out indefinitely, meaning Byron Leftwich or Charlie Batch will start Sunday at Tampa Bay.

Dixon was hurt in the first half of a 19-11 victory at Tennessee last Sunday.

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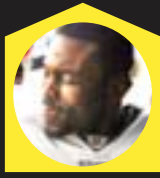
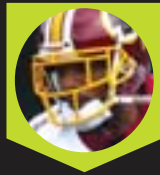
Up and down

Michael Vick
He has been named the Philadelphia Eagles' starting quarterback, a day after coach Andy Reid said it was Kevin Kolb's job.





Larry Johnson
The former Pro Bowl running back was released by the Washington Redskins after gaining just two yards on five carries in two games with the team.

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"When someone is playing at the level Michael Vick is playing, you have to give him an opportunity."
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▶ Arsenal's Samir Nasri, right, scores his second penalty yesterday against Tottenham.

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Arsenal outguns Tottenham

Samir Nasri scored a pair of extra-time penalty kicks as Arsenal ousted north London rival Tottenham from the Carling Cup with a 4-1 victory, and Premier League side Everton was beaten in a shootout by third-tier Brentford yesterday. Tottenham substitute Robbie Keane had cancelled out Henri Lansbury's first Arsenal goal to send the game into extra time, but the home side crumbled within 30 seconds of it starting.

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Move to Miami dents LeBron's fantasy value

- Expert predicts his stats will take a dip this season
- Durant, Paul now seen as top two fantasy picks

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▶ LeBron James

LeBron James might have been the most coveted basketball player on the planet this summer. It will likely be a different story this fall.

At least in the fantasy basketball world.

Sensing that James will be hard-pressed to match the stats he posted in Cleveland now that he's around other star-calibre players like Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami, fantasy experts say the Heat forward probably shouldn't be considered the automatic No. 1 pick in drafts that will take place around the globe over the next few weeks.

In short, the NBA's reigning two-time MVP might not be as valuable anymore in the stat-driven world.

"It's the definition of watered-down when you take a look at it," said Sergio Gonzalez, a fantasy analyst for CBSSports.com. "It's the same thing that happened in Boston a couple years ago when Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen went there with Paul Pierce. There's just not enough stats to go around for all these guys who are used to being 'The Guy' on their teams."

Gonzalez's site predicts James to finish with 21.3 points, 8.0 assists and 7.6 rebounds per game — great numbers, yet not at the clip of 29.7 points, 8.6 assists and 7.3 rebounds he posted with the Cavaliers last season.

Most experts agree, while James might be the league's most dynamic player, Kevin Durant will likely be the No. 1 pick in the fantasy draft world this season. James is typically slotted in around the No. 3 spot on most draft boards, behind Durant and New Orleans guard Chris Paul.

On the day he signed with Miami, James said he couldn't care less about his numbers.

Still, it clearly stands to reason that James' stat line will dip, now that he has Wade and Bosh alongside him.

"It's probably not going to be as pronounced as maybe the conventional wisdom right now," said Brandon Funston, a fantasy expert for Yahoo! Sports. "In the fantasy game, at least in the Yahoo! fantasy game, the standard is to use nine categories. I think the only one you really see going down is points per game. Maybe a few assists go down because he won't have the ball in his hands quite so often."

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Cohon says a franchise would need a stadium with at least 25,000 seats. Moncton can currently fit 21,000 using extra seats.

Hope for CFL fans

The commissioner of the CFL says the dream of a franchise in Atlantic Canada is a possibility, but not a probability.

Mark Cohon was in Nova Scotia yesterday in advance of Sunday's regular-season in Moncton, N.B., between Toronto and Edmonton.

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Legal woes for Cuban

U.S. federal appeals court revived the Securities and Exchange Commission's insider-trading lawsuit against Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban yesterday, saying it was "plausible" he had agreed not to sell company stock to avoid a loss after receiving confidential information.

The case was sent back to a lower court in Dallas for further discovery and, if necessary, a trial.

The SEC's civil lawsuit accuses the Dallas billionaire of selling shares in the Internet search engine company Mamma.com Inc. in 2004, avoiding a $750,000 US loss after learning the company was going to offer stock to private investment companies at a discounted rate.

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Injury may cost Bush six weeks

Reggie Bush's broken leg likely will sideline him about six weeks but not the rest of the season, a person familiar with the injury said.

The bone in the Saints running back's lower right leg was broken when he recovered a muffed punt against San Francisco Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays will stick with Las Vegas

The Toronto Blue Jays will continue to base their triple-A team in Las Vegas for the next two years after signing an extension with the 51s yesterday.

The Jays were left with Vegas in 2009 after Syracuse, the only other triple-A affiliate in franchise history, severed ties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Broncos saw no signs player was suicidal

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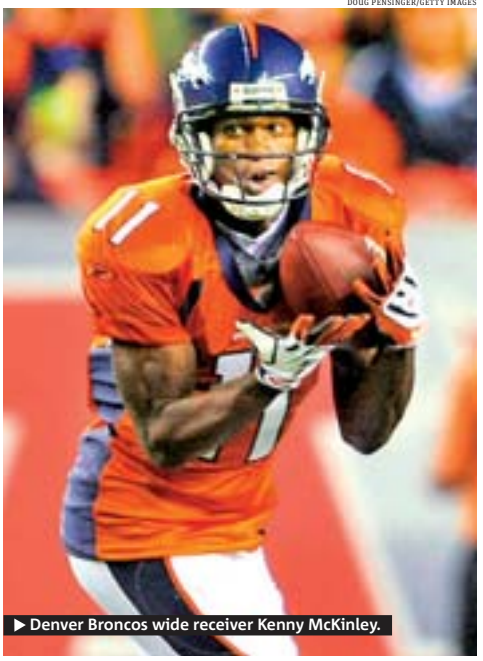

▶ Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley.

Receiver Kenny McKinley died of gunshot wound to head: Police

Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said in a tearful news conference yesterday that nobody in the organization saw any hint wide receiver Kenny McKinley was suicidal before he took his life.

"We've all seen him recently. He's been the same person every time we see him. Liked junk food and chips and things like that," McDaniels said. "He was in the cafeteria, or in the training room, when we were seeing him the last so many weeks here. Nothing that would alarm us to anything like this."

McKinley's body was discovered by a female friend Monday afternoon when she returned to his Centennial home about 10 kilometres from the team's headquarters after running an errand with his young son, Keon.

Arapahoe County Coroner Michael Dobersen said yesterday McKinley, 23, died of a gunshot wound to the head. He said a preliminary investigation "suggests the wound to be self-inflicted."

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Tragic history

- This is the third time in four years the Broncos are dealing with the death of a teammate under stunning circumstances.
- Cornerback Darrent Williams, 24, was slain in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007, and three months later, backup running back Damien Nash, 24, collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	92	59	.609	—	—	5-5	W-2	51-25	41-34
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	2½	—	4-6	L-3	46-29	43-32
Boston	83	68	.550	9	6½	5-5	L-2	43-34	40-34
Toronto	76	74	.507	15½	13	4-6	W-1	40-33	36-41
Baltimore	61	90	.404	31	28½	7-3	W-3	34-43	27-47

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	91	60	.603	—	—	8-2	W-2	51-25	40-35
Chicago	79	71	.527	11½	10	2-8	L-7	40-34	39-37
Detroit	76	75	.503	15	13½	5-5	L-1	48-29	28-46
Kansas City	62	88	.413	28½	27	5-5	W-1	34-40	28-48
Cleveland	62	89	.411	29	27½	4-6	L-3	32-42	30-47

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	83	67	.553	—	—	6-4	L-3	48-26	35-41
Oakland	75	74	.503	7½	13½	6-4	W-2	45-30	30-44
Los Angeles	75	76	.497	8½	14½	7-3	W-3	40-34	35-42
Seattle	57	93	.380	26	32	2-8	L-1	35-42	22-51

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	91	61	.599	—	—	9-1	W-9	50-27	41-34
Atlanta	86	66	.566	5	—	5-5	L-2	52-23	34-43
Florida	75	75	.500	15	10	4-6	W-2	37-39	38-36
New York	74	77	.490	16½	11½	5-5	L-4	44-30	30-47
Washington	63	88	.417	27½	22½	3-7	W-1	36-37	27-51

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	86	66	.566	—	—	5-5	W-2	45-30	41-36
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8	8	4-6	L-2	46-28	31-45
Houston	73	78	.483	12½	12½	6-4	L-1	41-37	32-41
Milwaukee	69	81	.460	16	16	4-6	L-3	36-40	33-41
Chicago	68	82	.453	17	17	8-2	L-1	33-43	35-39
Pittsburgh	52	98	.347	33	33	5-5	W-4	37-39	15-59

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	85	66	.563	—	—	6-4	W-2	45-30	40-36
San Diego	83	66	.557	1	1½	4-6	L-1	42-32	41-34
Colorado	82	68	.547	2½	3	6-4	L-2	51-24	31-44
Los Angeles	73	77	.487	11½	12	4-6	W-1	42-33	31-44
Arizona	60	91	.397	25	25½	3-7	W-1	36-40	24-51

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Last night's results
Toronto 5 Seattle 3
Kansas City 9 Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 9 Boston 1
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox at Oakland
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 0
Monday's results
Detroit 7 Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 4 Boston 2
Minnesota 9 Cleveland 3
Oakland 3 Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 7 Texas 4
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 1-0) at Minnesota (Blackburn 9-10), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (E.Jackson 3-2) at Oakland (Bre.Anderson 6-6), 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Davies 8-10) at Detroit (Scherzer 11-10), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 12-9) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 10-13), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pauley 2-8) at Toronto (Drabek 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Millwood 3-15) at Boston (Lackey 12-11), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 14-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Last night's results
Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 3
Washington 8 Houston 4
Pittsburgh 5 St. Louis 2
Florida 5 N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 1 Chicago Cubs 0
Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 3
Arizona 3 Colorado 1
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
Florida 4 St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 3 Atlanta 1
Houston 8 Washington 2
Cincinnati 5 Milwaukee 2
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Atlanta (Hanson 10-11) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 11-12) at Washington (Marquis 2-9), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Morton 1-11), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 9-9) at Florida (Sanabia 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 11-8) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 7-13), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 12-5) at Milwaukee (Ra.Wolf 12-11), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 19-6) at Arizona (R.Lopez 6-14), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 8-11), 10:10 p.m.

WILD CARD

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	-
Boston	83	68	.550	6.5
Chi White Sox	79	71	.527	10.0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	86	66	.566	-
San Diego	83	66	.557	1.5
Colorado	82	67	.550	2.5
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8.0
Florida	75	75	.500	10.0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 5, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	2	4	0	Snider lf	4	1	1	2
Figgins 2b	3	0	2	1	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
JoLopz dh	5	0	2	2	JBautst rf	4	1	2	0
Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0	V.Wells cf	4	1	1	2
Lngrhn lf	4	0	0	0	Overay 1b	2	0	0	0
AMoore c	3	0	1	0	J.Buck c	4	0	2	0
MSndrs cf	4	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Tuiassp 3b	4	1	1	0	Encrnc dh	4	2	2	1
JoWilsn ss	4	0	0	0	JMcDnl 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**

Seattle	100	010	001 — 3
Toronto	210	200	00x — 5

E—Jo.Wilson (20). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Seattle 9, Toronto 6. 2B—Tuiasosopo (5), J.Bautista (33). HR—Snider (10), V.Wells (28), Encarnacion (15). S—Figgins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
French L,4-6	7	7	5	5	1	2
Olson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Rzepczynski W,2-4	6 1-3	7	2	2	3	8
Camp H,12	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
S.Downs H,23	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregg S,34-39	1	3	1	1	0	1

HBP—by French (Overbay). PB—J.Buck. Balk—Rzepczynski.
T—2:12. A—12,158 (49,539) at Toronto.

NHL

PRE-SEASON

(x-split squad game)
Last night's results
Ottawa 5 Toronto 0
Philadelphia 4 New Jersey 3 (SO)
Florida 4 Carolina 1
Columbus 5 Atlanta 2
Colorado 3 St. Louis 1
Tampa Bay 4 Dallas 3
x-Calgary 3 Vancouver 2
x-Calgary at Vancouver
Phoenix at Anaheim
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay (at Winnipeg), 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

BETTING

PRO LINE LOTTERY ODDS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

No.	SPT	VIS	HOME	V+	V	T	H	H+	O	#	U
50	BBL	CWS	OAK	2.5	2.1	3	1.45	1.75	—	—	—
51	BBL	ATL	PHI	2.4	2	3	1.5	1.8	—	—	—
52	BBL	HOU	WAS	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	8.5	1.6
53	BBL	KC	DET	3.25	2.65	3.2	1.25	1.4	1.8	8.5	1.6
54	BBL	STL	PIT	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	9.5	1.6
55	BBL	TB	NYY	2.2	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.9	1.6	9.5	1.8
56	BBH	CRAW	RCAN	2.4	2.2	3	2	2.2	—	—	—
57	BBL	SEA	TOR	2.5	2.1	3	1.45	1.75	1.6	8.5	1.8
58	BBL	BAL	BOS	2.6	2.2	3	1.4	1.7	1.8	9.5	1.6
59	BBL	NYM	FLA	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	1.8	8.5	1.6
60	BBL	SF	CHIC	2	1.65	2.75	1.75	2.1	—	—	—
61	BBL	CIN	MIL	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	8.5	1.6
62	BBH	JVOT	FIEL	2	1.8	3.4	2.4	2.8	—	—	—
63	BBL	COL	ARZ	1.4	1.25	3.2	2.65	3.25	2	9.5	1.5
64	BBL	TEX	LAA	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	—	—	—
65	BBL	SD	LAD	2.2	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.9	—	—	—
84	SCR	BLA	ASV	—	3.8	3	1.8	—	—	—	—
85	SCR	NCU	CHE	—	9.9	6	1.1	—	—	—	—
86	SCR	UDI	BLG	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
87	SCR	RMA	BRE	—	2	3	3.2	—	—	—	—
88	SCR	SMP	CAG	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
89	SCR	CESE	CAT	—	3.4	3	1.9	—	—	—	—
90	SCR	FIO	GENO	—	3.2	3	2	—	—	—	—
91	SCR	BARI	INT	—	7	4.25	1.3	—	—	—	—
92	SCR	MLN	LAZ	—	2	3	3.2	—	—	—	—
93	SCR	CHV	NAP	—	5	3.6	1.5	—	—	—	—
94	SCR	PAR	LEC	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
95	SCR	MNC	WBR	—	1.7	3.2	4	—	—	—	—

In the event of any discrepancy between this information and odds available from OLG, the latter shall prevail.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	25	13	7	5	33	27	44
New York	25	13	8	4	32	27	41
Toronto FC	25	8	10	7	24	28	31
Kansas City	23	8	9	6	24	24	30
Chicago	23	6	9	8	28	31	26
New England	24	7	14	3	24	41	24
Philadelphia	24	6	12	6	27	39	24
D.C.	25	5	17	3	17	39	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	25	15	5	5	38	19	50
Real Salt Lake	25	13	4	8	38	16	47
FC Dallas	24	11	2	11	31	19	44
Colorado	24	10	7	7	32	24	37
San Jose	23	10	7	6	25	23	36
Seattle	25	10	9	6	30	29	36
Chivas USA	24	7	13	4	25	31	25
Houston	24	6	13	5	29	40	23

Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
New England at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chivas USA at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Third Round
Yesterday's results
Birmingham 3 MK Dons 1
Brentford 1 Everton 1 (Brentford advances 4-3 on penalties)
Burnley 1 Bolton 0
Millwall 1 Ipswich 2
Peterborough 1 Swansea 3
Portsmouth 1 Leicester 2
Stoke 2 Fulham 0
Sunderland 1 West Ham 2
Tottenham 1 Arsenal 4
Wolverhampton 4 Notts County 2

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Osasuna 3 Real Sociedad 1
Athletic Bilbao 3 Mallorca 0
Real Madrid 3, Espanyol 0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	29	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	37	24
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	52
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	17	49

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	64	51
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	37	55
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	49	32
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	62	48

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	34	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	39	48
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	20	24
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	33

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	37	28
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	52	34
Denver	1	1	0	.500	48	38
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	29	52

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	1	0	.500	40	37
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	45	56
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	59
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	27	40

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	37	21
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	50	22
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	25	51

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	34
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	61	27
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	46	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	19	28

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	45	37
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	24	54
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	28	56
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	27	33

WEEK TWO
Monday's result
New Orleans 25 San Francisco 22
WEEK THREE
Sunday's games
Dallas at Houston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 27
Green Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	11	8	3	0	344	250	16
Hamilton	11	6	5	0	270	286	12
Toronto	11	6	5	0	237	293	12
Winnipeg	11	3	8	0	291	290	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	11	9	2	0	396	245	18
Saskatchewan	11	7	4	0	321	304	14
B.C.	11	3	8	0	276	295	6
Edmonton	11	2	9	0	200	372	4

Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Edmonton vs. Toronto (at Moncton, N.B.), 12 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Kane County (MWL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Las Vegas (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Released INF Felipe Lopez unconditionally.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed INF Jerry Hairston Jr. on the 15-day DL. Named A.J. Hinch as vice president of professional scouting.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Auburn (NYP).

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Baltimore coach John Harbaugh $15,000 for impermissible verbal and physical contact with an official during Sunday's game against Cincinnati. Fined N.Y. Giants RB Brandon Jacobs $10,000 for tossing his helmet into the stands during Sunday's game against Indianapolis. Suspended Houston OT Duane Brown four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Alex Hall. Released LB Cyril Oboizor. Released LB Curtis Gatewood from their practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed RB Jerious Norwood on injured reserve. Signed RB Gartrell Johnson III to the active roster and RB Shawnbrey McNeal to the practice squad. Released LB Bear Woods from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed RB Andre Anderson to their practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed LB Kaluka Maiava on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Titus Brown from Denver's practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS—Waived RB Lance Ball. Re-signed RB Andre Brown.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Todd Bouman. Placed QB Luke McCown on injured reserve.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed RB Joique Bell from Buffalo's practice squad. Released WR Hank Baskett. Released S Chip Vaughn and RB Martell Mallett from their practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released RB Larry Johnson.

HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Sent F Ian McKenzie, G Chris Carozzi, and G Ed Pasquale to Chicago (AHL). Returned D Ben Chiarot to Sudbury (OHL), D Sebastian Owuya to Medicine Hat (WHL) and D Cody Sol to Saginaw (OHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Rob Flick, F Byron Froese, F Mirko Hoefflin, F Phillipe Paradis and G Kent Simpson to their junior clubs. Assigned G Joe Palmer to Rockford (AHL). Released F Steele Boomer and D Dallas Jackson.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Returned C Joey Hishon to Owen Sound (OHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed LW Nino Niederreiter to a three-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Reassigned LW Jakub Culek to Rimouski (QMJHL) and RW Mark Stone to Brandon (WHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed G J.P. Anderson, F Curt Gogol and F Michael Sgarbossa.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D Tom Poti to a two-year contract and G Brandon Anderson to a three-year contract.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS—Named Kelli Bytwork community relations and corporate sales assistant.

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▶ The 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee does exactly what you'd expect from the marque and more.

Grand Cherokee's king of the hill

Not that you'd climb one but there ain't no mountain high or rough enough for the 2011 powerhouse ● New model features improved interiors

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The trail up the hill is rocks, and the drop down is so steep that only the seatbelt keeps me from falling into the windshield. Naturally, the redesigned 2011 Grand Cherokee takes it in stride, along with improvements for a smooth asphalt ride as well.

It uses a Mercedes-Benz platform, has a selectable terrain mode similar to Land Rover's, and throws in Chrysler's newfound attention to interior quality.

It starts at $37,995 for the base Laredo E, followed by Laredo X at $42,995, Limited at $46,995 and Overland at $49,995. The trim levels are differentiated both by features and off-road capability.

The 5.7-litre Hemi V8 is unchanged, but the previous 3.7-litre V6 is replaced with Chrysler's all-new 3.6-litre V6. It provides 80 more horsepower, but with an improvement in fuel economy.

Grand Cherokee offers three 4x4 different systems. The base Quadra-Trac I, standard on the Laredo models, is full-time four-wheel. Quadra-Trac II is optional on Laredo X, and standard on Limited and Overland; it adds low range and can send all engine power to the front or rear axle.

Quadra-Drive II, optional on all but the base model, is similar but adds an electronic limited-slip differential that sends full power to a single wheel if the other three are helplessly spinning.

The interior design doesn't break any new ground – I like the simple, big-buttoned centre stack, but some might find it too austere — but it's light-years ahead of its predecessor in materials and finish. The previously cramped rear seats are now fine for six-footers, and the cargo area is larger, including two nifty removable storage bins tucked around the spare tire, and flat-folding rear chairs. All models features dual-zone a/c, power driver's seat, pushbutton start and active front head restraints.

The specs

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

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5 drive

In brief

Iconic car show Top Gear has been rocked by a scandal surrounding mystery driver The Stig. The driver who races cars anonymously on the show has revealed his identity in a new book, which contravenes his contract with the BBC.

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▶ Mini E offers a glimpse into the future of gasless driving.

Mini E prototype charging ahead

All-electric model retains brand's zippy driving feel Here are some of the reasons why you should care about BMW's pint-sized breakthrough

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As a rolling technological showcase and glimpse at a possible future in gasless mobility, Mini has created a wholly electric-powered model called the Mini E. It's fun to look at and runs only on electrons.

Electric cars like this aren't popping up all over Canadian roadways just yet, but the fully-functioning Mini E is a look at a technology that us Canucks will soon start seeing plenty more of.

I recently spent a morning with a Mini E prototype that had retired from a fleet of early test models deployed to gather real-world data south of the border. As a die-hard lover of fossil fuels, the Mini E changed my perceptions on electric transportation in more ways than one.

Here's a look at some of the important notes from the test drive — and some of the reasons you should care about this little electric thing.

• Things fire up and slip into gear just like a regular automatic Mini Cooper. Relays click away as the instruments come to life, though no starter motor sounds are apparent. Once started, the Mini E is basically quiet — albeit for a slight hum from a battery-pack cooling fan.

In production

▶ BMW will be selling an all-electric production car by time the 2013 model year rolls around.

• Electric motors make all of their torque, all of the time. The tester had 162 lb.-ft of the stuff available at every r.p.m., backed by 201 horsepower. Every press of the throttle, from any speed, is thereby met with a meaty forward surge of acceleration. The Mini E is in about the same butt-hauling ballpark as the Mini Cooper S, Volkswagen GTI or Volvo C30 T5.

• Lift the throttle, and aggressive brake-energy regeneration makes using the brake pedal almost obsolete if drivers time their stopping properly.

• If the tested prototype went into production as-is, owners could drive about 160 kilometres on a 24-hour charge. A three-hour charge is possible, but requires the use of a higher voltage outlet. As is, the tester recharged via an adapter plugged into a standard household plug. If your daily travels were less than 160 kilometres, you'd never have to gas up again.

PROJECT EVE SOARS HIGH

The consortium, Project Eve, was recently formed, with the mission to get electric car production in this country to the next level.

It includes firms, universities, infrastructure entities, etc., who all know a thing or two about how to design and build a state-of-the-art electric car. Basically, it's like all the smart kids in class getting together to collaborate on a science project.

In fact, two of the member firms, Toronto Electric and Motive Industries (Calgary), have already built working prototypes, and they will be the first two products the consortium will build and sell to fleet customers, on a per-order basis (a full line-up is in the works).

Motive has a passionate leader in the form of Nathan Armstrong. Project Eve was officially launched at the EV Conference in Vancouver last week. It was also the occasion where Armstrong revealed the design sketch of Motive's upcoming 4-seat electric car, called the Kestrel.

Noted Armstrong, in a Project Eve press release: "We see a unique opportunity with Project Eve to move electric mobility towards a production reality. We also wish to support the Canadian auto sector by providing sustainable products and opportunities to create new manufacturing jobs."

The jobs may come, but right off the bat the Kestrel certainly opened up opportunities of another sort — for questionable headline references to "smoking up" and "getting high" — because Project Eve revealed that this EV's body panels will be constructed of fibres originating from a species of cannabis.

Obviously the plant in question is not marijuana but its cousin, hemp, which is more suited to fibre production and actually legal to grow in this country.

The Alberta Research Council founded a project to find ways of using Alberta-grown hemp fibres and Alberta-manufactured polymers to produce a "biocomposite" material that could be used in lots of products, including cars.

According to Project Eve spokesperson, John Scott, "Canada possesses more than enough know-how, talent, and enthusiasm to play a major role in electric mobility… Project Eve is designed to accelerate the process, so we're all rowing in the same direction."

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They're on the scent

The way cars smell is carefully tailored to motorists Citroen created a series of scents to enhance the experience for drivers

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▶ The 'Nose Team' at Volvo smells materials that could be used in their car interiors.

New car smell — you either love it or hate it. It's a specific scent, a combination of as yet unstabilised chemical compounds released from new plastics, synthetic seat fabrics, glue, vinyl and if you're at the right price level, leather.

Fortunately, carmakers work hard to remove potentially harmful chemicals and reduce toxic odours from their cars.

Volvo has strict guidelines in order to reduce unhealthy emissions and cut down the amount of hydrocarbons emitted from the materials in the car. They also want your car to smell sweet.

Hanna Sundqvist is one of nine members of Volvo's "Nose team" of test engineers, responsible for assessing odours from the materials in a car. Analysis of the emissions reveals what substances are emitted and completes the test results from the odour panel.

"We try to reduce odour," she explains. "We tolerate a certain level of odour as long as it is perceived as pleasant — an odour that we like to have in our new cars."

She explains that odour is subjective, someone's perception of a substance. "There is no analytical instrument that can tell if something smells good or bad or how bad. To do this evaluation the human nose is outstanding."

Samples of the material to be evaluated are placed in glass bottles and heated at 40C for 24 hours. The team then scores the scent from 1 (noticeable) to 6 (unbearable). "An approval result must not exceed 3 — 'Clearly noticeable but not yet unpleasant,'" says Sundqvist. The smell of the complete car is judged after it has been heated to 65C, to simulate a hot European summer day.

Audi created their six-strong "Nose Team" in 1985, to ensure that the wood for your dash and the bull hides for your seats smell great, and testing is vigorous. Leather is chopped into samples that are put in jars and heated to 80C, then graded on odour by each professional sniffer.

The Audi Nose team analyses more than 500 different components from the interior of each model separately, as well as the scent of the complete car.

But while there are some whose job it is to remove smells, others are focussed on creating scents to match or enhance your mood. Citroen offers nine aromas in their C3 and C4 ranges. You can slot cartridges into the diffuser that will subtly infuse your cabin with an anti-tobacco odour-eater (very French) to one that can perk you up.

More choices for Dodge Durango

Dodge is expanding its presence in the crossover segment with the all new 2011 Dodge Durango.

The Durango is a three-row vehicle spacious enough to carry the entire crew and performance-tuned to thrill anyone who truly loves to drive. Durango will lead the Dodge brand's new product onslaught for 2011.

From its sleek exterior design to its modern, spacious interior, and intelligent, fuel-efficient and powerful powertrain options, the 2011 Dodge Durango is all new from the inside out.

And the changes are more than skin deep. The Durango's stiffened unibody structure is engineered with the driving enthusiast in mind. The end result is a vehicle that delivers premium driving performance combined with SUV capability and crossover versatility.

The all-new Durango features two engine options: the standard fuel-efficient and powerful 3.6-litre 24-valve Pentastar V6 engine and the available 5.7-litre Hemi V8 engine with fuel-saving, Multi-displacement system (MDS) four-cylinder mode.

Both engines feature variable-valve timing (VVT) and come standard with all-wheel drive.

In addition to great efficiency, the engines provide exceptional V6 and V8 towing capability with standard trailer sway control (V8 - 7,200 lbs. and best-in-class V6 The new Durango also offers consumers 45 safety and security features, including standard front seat-mounted side air bags and standard side-curtain air bags that cover passengers in all three rows, as well as all-new standard active head restraints.

The best part is, consumers will get all of the all-new Durango's capability, functionality and flexibility and still get excellent fuel efficiency.

In fact, drivers can go more than 1,000 km on one tank of fuel — that's the distance from Vancouver to Calgary.

FROM CARGUIDE

way of electric

Batteries need to get cheaper, Magna president says ◗ Auto parts giants developing e-car systems

▶ Until batteries become less expensive, electric cars may not have mainstream cache, experts say.

Cost is still the major factor dissuading consumers from buying electric vehicles, and until producers can find a cheaper battery — or until gasoline prices soar — zero-emission vehicles will remain a niche market, industry players say.

"When electric vehicles have similar range performance and costs to an internal combustion engine ... then there will be a tipping point where we can get to the mainstream consumer, and people will switch in high volume to hybrids and electric vehicles," Dave Pascoe, vice-president of Magna International's E-Car Systems division, said this week.

But for the time being, Pascoe estimated that gas prices would need to top US$5 a gallon — about C$1.36 per litre — for hybrid vehicles to appeal to the average driver.

At this price, it would take about three years for the consumer to offset the higher cost of the vehicle with savings on gasoline. At today's gas prices — about C$1 per litre — it will take closer to six years, Pascoe said.

Speaking at a panel discussion on electric vehicles Monday in Toronto, Pascoe said many problems with the new technology have been eliminated in recent years, but batteries still remain prohibitively expensive.

"Life (of the battery) has gotten better, range has gotten better, but cost has not really gotten better," Pascoe said.

"At today's prices electric vehicles won't go big, but costs are coming down so there's hope for the future."

Electric vehicles are a growing part of Magna's business, especially since founder and chairman Frank Stronach took control of Magna E-Car Systems as part of a recent deal that will see him receive more than $1 billion to give up his voting control of the company.

Magna announced Monday that it is opening a new hybrid — and electric-vehicle system development centre, including a battery testing facility, in Auburn Hills, Mich.

The electric vehicle division of the Canadian auto parts giant is already working on several programs, including a joint venture to create an electric version of the Ford Focus.

Pascoe said Magna E-Car Systems has "at least one other award" in the works, but wouldn't give any details. Recent reports said the company is in talks with Japan's GS Yuasa Corp. to produce batteries for electric cars in Europe.

"We'll be working with strategic partners and we do have strategic partners, drawing from their technology and also doing some internal development of our own," Pascoe said in an interview following the panel discussion.

"Batteries are the key to making it work, so that's where our biggest focus is."

Specifically, Magna is looking at developing lower-cost and higher-performance batteries for hybrids and purely electric vehicles, he said.

Electric vehicles can be powered by hydrogen fuel cells, lithium-ion batteries and other technologies like nickel-cadmium batteries.

The company is also focusing on increasing volumes by providing common components to multiple customers.

"If we bring the volume up, we'll be able to deal with the cost issue, because it is a very big issue for us and our customers," Pascoe said.

Sarwant Singh, vice-president of Frost and Sullivan's global automotive practice, said hybrid and purely electric vehicles are forecast to account for seven to 12 per cent of all cars produced globally by 2020. He expects 47 different automakers to launch a total of 75 electric models by 2015, with 35 of those coming from Chinese manufacturers.

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Cruze hatchback visits Paris

A show car version of Chevrolet's Cruze five-door hatchback compact contender was recently seen for the first time at the Paris Motor Show.

It was one of four world Chevrolet premieres at the show.

With the introduction of the new Cruze hatchback, customers have an alternative body style to the traditional sedan and Chevrolet has raised the bar again with a vehicle that brings new levels of value against some of the more established competition.

Since its European launch in the spring of 2009, the Chevrolet Cruze sedan has been warmly welcomed by markets all over the world, greeted as a step change for the brand with customers attracted to its coupe style, build quality, five-star NCAP rating and driving dynamics.

Outside of Europe, Cruze's sales momentum is equally evident.

In China alone, Chevrolet has sold nearly 90,000 Cruze since the start of the year, while the saloon is also selling well in Russia, parts of South America, and in India and other emerging markets.

FROM CARGUIDE

SUV? Hatch? It's a Matrix

Toyota model youthful without compromising on automaker's reliability

▶ A pre-owned Toyota Matrix can get the job done.

SECOND GEAR

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The Toyota Matrix is a tall hatchback with a small SUV look and stance that benefits owners by perching them up high in the car and providing a commanding forward view. Sharp and youthful to a higher level than its over-achieving and under-styled brother, the Corolla, Matrix makes the most sense to most people coming from a wide range of lifestyles.

Available in front or all wheel drive (AWD), the Matrix could also be fitted with numerous features and options to suit a wide variety of needs. With 428 litres of cargo space, it offered one of the largest interiors in its class, too. A wide variety of dealer-installed and aftermarket accessories are available, too.

Power came from a high-revving 1.8 liter four-cylinder unit with up to 180 horsepower in Matrix XRS models, though power output figures were reduced as time passed.

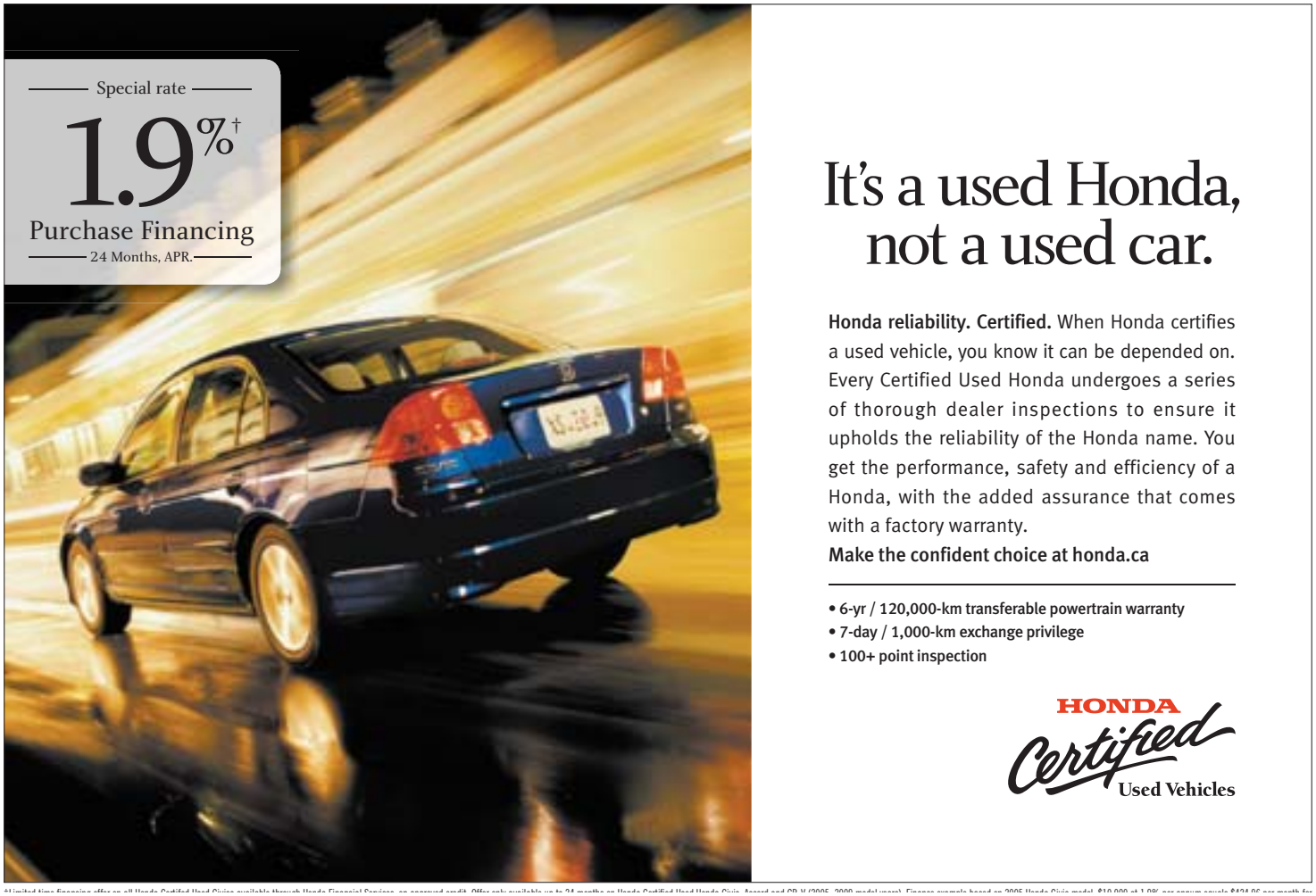
What Owners Like:
Dependability, adaptability, flexibility and a fun-to-drive attitude are highly rated by Matrix owners, as is its relatively decent fuel consumption, and wintertime traction in models equipped with the AWD system.

What Owners Hate:
Common gripes include a lousy factory stereo system, squeaks and rattles as the Matrix ages, excessive wind noise and some low-budget interior parts.

Common Issues:
On a test drive, be sure to watch for a check engine light, which could indicate a number of problems including an emissions control fault or a bad oxygen sensor. Be sure to note the engine's idling as well. It should be smooth and steady. With an automatic transmission, ensure that shifts occur with minimal hesitation and that no 'slippage' is present. With a manual, be sure the clutch take-up feels smooth and positive.

The specs

- **MODEL** 2002 to 2006 Toyota Matrix
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Small crossover
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $4,500 to $14,000



DESIGNS ON VOLVO

Why the 960 Volvo?

I bought my first car ever in 2005. Before that, I'd cycled and used the TTC. I saw this car parked in a driveway near where I lived and I used to say 'one day when I have a car, it's going to be a Volvo just like that one.' And my neighbour said, 'well, it's for sale.' It was a 1983 camel-coloured Volvo station wagon. So I bought it and I loved it. But it expired last year. And the 960 sedan came along and it appealed to me. I like the look of old cars. Well, Volvos last a long time… I have this philosophy. I like things that are of quality and I would rather maintain something's that's old, even if it's worn, and use it to the end of its life or purpose rather than something new all the time.

Do you have a favourite feature?

I feel a bit pimped out in it because it has electronic windows (laughs). My 1983 Volvo didn't and I had to crank them down (laughs). And I love the sunroof. It has a leather interior, dark charcoal gray on gray and is in perfect condition. And it has great space for transporting stock and materials for my business.

Does your car have a name?

We call her Little Edie (after Jacqueline Kennedy's infamously eccentric cousin who was recently portrayed by Drew Barrymore in the HBO film Grey Gardens) because she's gray and isn't really that small.

What type of driver are you?

Fairly cautious, although some people may disagree. I get impatient with people who aren't polite on the road. I lived in Italy for a while, so I have a habit in the car of speaking Italian and swearing in Italian, so if I say something nasty to another driver in Italian, it feels like it's not really me (laughs).

Meet the driver

▶ **WHO SHE IS**
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▶ **WHAT SHE DRIVES**
A gray 1992 960 Volvo Sedan

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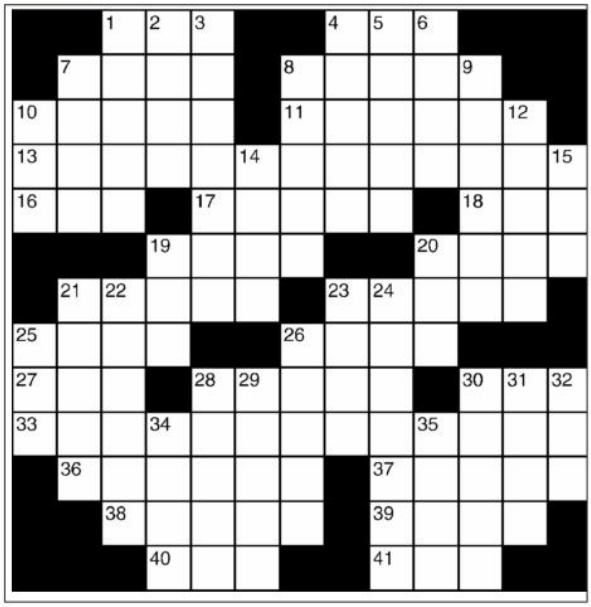

Across

1 Lobbyists' org.
4 Couric's network
7 FDR's dog
8 Mountain nymph
10 Warble
11 Prop for Bugs Bunny
13 AARP member, probably
16 Favorite
17 Coarse
18 Away from WSW
19 Taleteller
20 Initial stake
21 Word before "beware!"
23 "Be quiet!"
25 Additional
26 Semi-fortnight
27 Khan title
28 Miss America's topper
30 Scarlet
33 Less experienced team
36 Soda-shop treat
37 From that moment on
38 Sings like Ella
39 Egyptian cross
40 Sailor's response
41 What 40-Across means

Down

1 Emulate Van Gogh
2 "— Ask of You"
3 Heat unit
4 Talk-show host Fergu-son
5 Pullman compartment
6 Delhi dress
7 Price-less?
8 Happen
9 Donut-shop purchases
10 Recipe meas.
12 First extra inning
14 Bellow
15 Born
19 Caustic solution
20 Diving bird
21 Counter-feit
22 Seventh planet
23 Antitoxins
24 Usually inadmissible testimony
25 Army rank (Abbr.)
26 "For amber — of grain"
28 Now
29 Angry
30 Skating venues
31 Engrave
32 Color Easter eggs
34 Bygone Peruvian
35 Trigonometry function

▶ Yesterday's answer

S	C	A	T		M	E	W		D	A	T	A
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Sudoku

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3						7		4
	7			9				3
	4				5	3		
			8		9			
		3	4				2	
2				5			1	
7		6						8
	5	9			1	2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	3	7	9	4	8	5	1	2
8	2	1	7	3	5	9	6	4
9	5	4	6	2	1	7	3	8
3	9	5	8	1	2	6	4	7
2	1	6	4	5	7	8	9	3
4	7	8	3	9	6	2	5	1
1	8	3	5	7	9	4	2	6
5	6	2	1	8	4	3	7	9
7	4	9	2	6	3	1	8	5

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shnuggle
bunny Im sorry.I over reacted as always. I love you.
XOXO,YOUR MUFFIN

Hey Stacey,
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Give a little today and you will get a lot in return tomorrow when the Sun moves into your opposite sign. The theme for the next few weeks is Partnership.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Most of the risks you took in recent weeks – and you took plenty – paid off in the end but the Sun's imminent change of signs means you will have to be a bit more cautious over the next few weeks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You've had your fill of dancing to other people's tunes – now you intend to dance to your own and, yes, that's party talk.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The Sun's move into the domestic area of your chart tomorrow will bring into focus your relationships with the people you are closest to emotionally.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will feel more confident about your position and your prospects, both at work and in your private life, when the Sun changes signs tomorrow.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 With both the Sun and Mercury transiting your sign you've had more than your share of great ideas – but what are you going to do with them all?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There were no doubt numerous occasions in recent weeks when you wish you had been more adventurous, but never mind. A new solar year is about to begin

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are about to embark on the final phase of your personal solar year – the four-week period when the Sun moves through the most sensitive area of your chart.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 One particular aim or ambition no longer seems worth the time or the effort and you are seriously thinking about giving up on it. Don't be too hasty.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 There is one thing you are really good at, one thing that marks you out from the crowd. Make that one thing the center of your working life over the next four weeks or so

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've waited a long time for your opportunity to shine and you don't intend to waste it. The Sun in Libra as from tomorrow will open all sorts of doors to all sorts of magical worlds.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Hopefully you have dealt with a relationship issue that was holding you back, because in a matter of days, if not hours, your new rapport will be put to the test. Emotionally and financially you'll do great things together.

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Overheating
To ensure a traditional heater refreshes at a reasonable rate, most heaters are set at very high temperatures (130F+). This wastes energy and increases risk of scalding, especially for children and the elderly.

Hard Water Minerals
Hard water scale forms most readily when water is heated for extended periods. Hard water scale quickly coats the internal components causing a loss of efficiency and shorter life, and often leaks.

Short Life / Disposal
Conventional water heaters typically last from 8 to 12 years in most residential applications. They are bulky and take up a huge amount of landfill space and are costly to recycle.

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